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Solar heaters are a must now

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BANGALORE: With a view to promoting the use of solar energy, the State Government has made the use of solar water heating system compulsory for all categories of houses with built up area of 600 sq ft and above, industries, hospitals and nursing homes and hotels, among others.

To reduce the wastage of energy due to the use of incandescent bulbs, the government has made compulsory the use of Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL) in all government and aided buildings. However, no time-frame has been set for the installation of solar heaters.

In a notification, the Energy Department has stated that all departments will have to amend their rules/by-laws within a period of two months from the date of issue of the order, to make the use of solar water heating systems compulsory.

These departments will also designate a district and state level modal officer. He will monitor and report the progress of enforcement to the Kar-

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- Govt move to reduce wastage of energy
- Incandescent bulbs get the boot
- Use of CFL to be promoted
- All new buildings in govt/aided sector to be energy-efficient



nataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL).

The notification also says use of use of Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) would be made compulsory in government buildings, besides buildings of aided institutions, boards and corporations. The use of incandescent lamps is banned in all these buildings with immediate effect.

Power utilities will effect necessary modification in the load demand notices within two months from the

date of issue of this order to promote the use of CFL, while releasing/sanctioning new connections/loads.

The government has also made mandatory use of ISI marked motor pump sets, power capacitors, foot/reflex valves in agriculture sector.

Moreover, the notification says that all the new buildings to be constructed in the government/ aided sectors will incorporate energy efficient building design concepts, including renewable energy technologies with effect from one year of the date of issue of order.

A committee shall be formed by the PWD to examine all new building plans/drawings to be constructed in the government/aided sector. This should be done to ensure that all features of the energy efficient building design concepts have been incorporated in these.

The notification says that KREDL has been designated as "The Designated Authority" to coordinate, regulate and enforce the provisions contained in the Energy Conservation Act.