

**Industrially Backward Districts in Tamil Nadu**

9821. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the names of districts in Tamil Nadu declared as industrially backward?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): The following nine districts in Tamil Nadu were declared as industrially backward by the Central Government:—

1. Dharmapuri
2. Kanyakumari
3. Madhurai
4. North Arcot
5. Ramanathapuram
6. South Arcot
7. Thanjavur
8. Tiruchirapalli
9. Pudukkottai

**Energy Conservation Week**

9822. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO  
BRAMHBHATT:  
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-  
WARI:  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had sponsored a 'Energy Conservation Week' in April, 1990;

(b) if so, the main purpose thereof;

(c) the number of experts who participated in the conservation week which was held in West Bengal and the subjects discussed; and

(d) the details of conclusion arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Energy had sponsored the Energy Conservation Week organised by the West Bengal State Electricity Board in Calcutta from 21st to 28th April, 1990.

(b) The main purpose of the Energy Conservation Week was to spread awareness on energy conservation among various target group in industry, transport, domestic and agriculture sectors through seminars, workshops, exhibitions, publicity campaign etc. as well as through the dissemination of various success stories.

(c) Over 1000 delegates from different parts of the country participated in the Energy Conservation Week held in West Bengal. The subjects discussed at the various seminars/workshops held during the Week include Energy Conservation in Industrial, Agricultural, Rural, Transport and Domestic sectors as well as in Electricity Generation and Distribution; Role of Media in Energy Conservation; and Renewable Energy Sources.

(d) The major conclusion are summarised below:

- i) Measures to improve the efficiency of energy use in all sectors of the economy should be taken up vigorously by the utilities.
- ii) Mass awareness on energy conservation should be intensified by effective campaign through training, workshops, pamphlets and media.
- iii) Renewable sources of energy like solar, wind, biogas and tidal etc. should be exploited on a wider scale to save the depleting fossil fuel resources and simultaneously to improve the environment.