

(c) The Company has initiated action to implement the recommendations of Japan International Cooperation Agency. Govt. has also approved, in principle the conversion of the individual business groups of HMT Limited into joint venture Companies with international partners, who may have majority equity shareholding if it is in the HMT's interest.

### **New Sources of Energy**

3003. DR. K. D. JESWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to introduce/identify new sources of energy in view of the fact that hydroelectric and nuclear plants are more accident prone and cause extreme damages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) and (b). The Minister of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is promoting the development and utilization of non-conventional energy devices, like, biogas, improved chulhas, solar thermal, solar photovoltaic systems, biomass gasifiers, wind pumps and power generators, small hydro power units, alternate fuel systems for surface transportation etc. and other new technologies based on hydrogen energy, ocean energy and chemical sources of energy.

Various incentives such as accelerated depreciation, sales tax and excise duty exemption, customs duty concessions, tax holiday, wheeling,

marketing and purchase of power generated by private entrepreneurs and supported demonstration projects to expand awareness of these technologies have been introduced. Information campaigns and public awareness programmes have been undertaken. The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd., (IREDA) under the Ministry provides soft loans to manufacturers and users of various non-conventional energy systems. Entrepreneur development campaign, market promotion through involvement of industry, financial intermediaries and service companies etc. are also being taken up through IREDA.

### **Colour T. V. Industry**

3004. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of colour T.V. Industry in the country;

(b) the steps envisaged to give further boost to this industry;

(c) the production of each colour T.V. manufacturer with its brand name and quantity produced during 1993;

(d) whether any multinational company has made any proposal to manufacture colour TVs independently or in joint venture; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF