

country for establishing wind generation capacity to the extent of 20,000 MW. With a view to exploit this renewable source of energy, demonstration projects have been taken by the Government and fiscal and other incentives have been given for investment in this sector by the private entrepreneurs. While a few demonstration projects were taken up by the Government with financial and technical assistance from abroad without payment for technical know-how fees, at present wind projects are being set up mostly by the private sector. The units manufacturing wind power equipment in the country have technical assistance/collaboration agreements with well known foreign companies, as permissible under the rules/policy of the Government.

(c) and (d). A total wind power capacity of about 350 MW has so far been installed in the country, including 44 MW under the Demonstration Programme and 306 MW by the private sector. Nearly 500 million units of electricity have been fed to the grids from these projects. A further capacity of about 300 MW is expected to be installed during the current year. State-wise break-up of installed capacity is provided in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

State-wise Break-up of Wind Power Capacity

| S. No. | State | Demonstration Projects (MW) | Private Sector Projects (MW) | Total (MW) |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Tamil Nadu | 19.355 | 255.355 | 274.710 |
| 2. | Gujarat | 16.345 | 48.170 | 64.515 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh | 3.050 | 2.925 | 5.975 |
| 4. | Karnataka | 0.550 | - | 0.550 |
| 5. | Maharashtra | 2.600 | - | 2.600 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 0.590 | - | 0.590 |
| 7. | Orissa | 1.100 | - | 1.100 |
| 8. | Others | 0.465 | - | 0.465 |
| Total | | 44.055 | 306.450 | 350.505 |

[English]

Tubal Rings

*327. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have imported 20 lakh pairs of Tubal Rings (TRs) from Cabot Medical Corporation of USA for national family planning programme;

(b) if so, the total cost of the imported Tubal Rings;

(c) whether imported Tubal Rings were tested at the Central Drug Laboratory (CDL) and have been found faulty as per requirements laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(d) if so, the reasons for their acceptance; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to return the Tubal Rings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) :
(a) 10 lakh pairs of Tubal Rings from Cabot Medical Corporation USA are awaiting test at Citech laboratory.

(b) The total cost of the tubal rings awaiting tests is US \$ 8,75,000 Free on Board.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The Tubal Rings have not been accepted by the Government of India so far. As per terms and conditions agreed upon between GOI and the supplier, these tubal rings have to be retested at mutually agreed laboratory.

[Translation]

Electronic Sector

*328. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes formulated by the Government for the upgradation of latest technology in the electronics sector;

(b) the amount proposed to be spent on these schemes;

(c) the present position of the country in the field of electronics as compared to the other developing Asian countries; and

(d) the incentives being provided to encourage the private sector growth in this field?

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 DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d). The Research and Development (R and D) schemes of the Government consist of projects implemented through scientific societies, in-house projects, as well as sponsored R and D projects implemented at academic institutions, R and D laboratories and industries. An amount of Rs. 58.48 crores has been earmarked during 1995-96 for these activities.

In certain areas like parallel processing, the country is ahead of many developing Asian countries. Several incentives and support measures are being provided to the private sector for R and D. The Department of Electronics (DOE) has recently formulated a new scheme for funding R and D in electronics industry including private sector.