

as Biogas plants, Improved Chulah, Solar thermal devices etc. which are used in rural areas. For example, the Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources (DNES) provides a subsidy of 30% to 60% depending on the category of the beneficiary and the area, for installation of biogas plants. A turn key fee of Rs.400 per plant is also paid in addition by DNES to voluntary bodies/local persons for installation of these biogas plants.

Similarly for the fixed models of improved Chulhas, which cost around Rs.60, the beneficiary has to contribute Rs.10 only. The assistance given for installation of portable models of Improved Chulhas costing around Rs. 125 is 75% of the cost of SC/ST beneficiaries and for hilly areas and 50% of the cost for other beneficiaries. These improved Chulhas are installed by self employed workers who are paid Rs. 15 per Chulha (Rs.10/- from government and Rs. 5/- from beneficiary) in plains and Rs.20/- per Chulhas in hilly areas.

In the sector of Solar Thermal Energy, the Department provides Rs. 3000/- as fixed subsidy for the installation of solar domestic water heating systems, 40% of the cost for the installation of other solar thermal devices in government sector, charitable trusts, educational institutions etc. and 30% for private sector, public sector etc.

(c) Question does not arise.

3967. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHER REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criticism regarding depicting of 'Chanakya' on T.V. has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):
(a) No specific criticism has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Capacity of Telephone Exchanges in Aizwal

3968. DR.C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the existing capacity of Telephone Exchanges in Aizwal, Mizoram to clear the waiting list;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any progress in this regard has since been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One additional unit of Electronic exchange with capacity of 384 lines has been planned during 1st quarter of 1992-93 as an interim arrangement.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Steps are being taken to ensure supply of equipment on priority

Commissioning of TV Studio Cuttack

3969. SHR K. PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether the telecast of qualitative programmes from Doodarshan Kendra, Cuttack is possible only after construction of TV studio is completed and commissioned