

On the recommendations of the State Government the Planning Commission have declared Alwar, Banswara, Barmer, Bhilwara, Churu, Durgapur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Junjhunu, Jhalawar, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Silkar, Sirohi, Tonk and Udaipur as backward for concessional finance and Alwar, Jodhpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Nagaur and Udaipur district as eligible for investment subsidy.

### Power Consumption

2665. SHRI SHYAMAPRASANNA BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the percentage of power consumption by the private sector as well as by the public sector, separately in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): The State Electricity Boards and other electric supply undertakings supply energy to different types of consumers such as domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural etc., and details of sales, connected load, etc. are maintained under these classifications. Therefore, details of power consumption classified public sector and private sector wise separately are not readily available with the State Electricity Boards and other electric supply undertakings.

### Computer Technology in India

2666. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position regarding use of computer technology in India;

(b) whether the potentialities of the technology for making an effective break-through in the problems of production, distribution, etc. have been studied;

(c) if so, with what results; and

(d) whether Government propose to encourage a phased application of the technology without causing serious imbalances in the employment position?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (d). Computer technology is being made use of extensively and increasingly for R&D, engineering design, resource utilisation, production planning, regional planning, higher level computer training and commercial applications contributing to efficient management. The main sectors of application of computers are: agriculture and food; meteorology; defence; water resources; oil exploration, energy; education and research, space applications, engineering design, steel, transport and communication, industrial production planning, crime detection, management information system for decision making, ship building, planning, software generation and software exports.

The Department of Electronics have studied the development-catalysing applications of computer technology in planning production, distribution etc., a start has been made in this area of application at various locations in the country. As a result of the studies, applications of computers: to increase industrial production, particularly through process control, for efficient use of scarce resources; quality improvement, for production planning and inventory control, and in marketing and distribution, have been promoted. Several key sectors have been given priority and such applications in those sectors are being encouraged. These sectors are oil, manufacturing industry, defence etc.

Proposals for the import and utilization of computers are cleared by the Department of Electronics only after examination of the detailed justification for each proposed application put up by the user. Clearances are given for the utilisation of computers in such areas as those meeting the needs of national security, export-oriented production, high technology areas, more efficient