

within the overall commitment indicated annually by the World Bank at the Consortium meeting.

#### Indo-U.K. Joint Venture

4692. SHRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the prospects of more Indo-U.K. joint ventures likely to come up ;

(b) what are the Indo-U.K. joint ventures on which agreement has been reached between the two countries ; and

(c) the projects that Indo-U.K. joint ventures will take up during 1986-87 and the assistance that will be provided by the U.K. Government on such joint ventures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) In the meeting of the Industrial Collaboration Sub-Committee of the Indo-British Economic Committee held in London on 11-13 September, 1985, it was agreed that the potential areas of mutual cooperation were automotive products ; tele-communications ; electronics and software flexible manufacturing systems ; anti-pollution measures ; energy conservation and alternative energy sources, etc.

(b) The Government of India has approved, since 1957, more than 2,000 cases involving collaborations between Indian and U.K. firms/companies. The details of the approved foreign collaborations cases are published by the Indian Investment Centre quarterly and copies of the same are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) It is not possible to project the Indo-UK collaborations for the year 1986-87 as the collaboration approvals are granted in response to the proposals submitted by the entrepreneurs.

#### Study Regarding Input Requirements of Paper Industry

4693. SHRIMATI USHA CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study is being undertaken for the paper industry about the aspect of its input requirements particularly shortage of forest raw materials ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Since the study is in progress, no details are available at present.

#### Use of Non-Conventional Energy Gadgets

4694. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the steps under implementation to accelerate the use of non-conventional energy gadgets and large scale popularisation of the same in urban and rural areas ; and

(b) the incentives available for the manufacture and supply of such equipments in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Steps taken to encourage the use of non-conventional sources of energy devices include technical supports, subsidies and other fiscal incentives for construction/installation, arranging demonstration programmes, training programmes for villagers, spread of awareness through seminars, symposia, radio and TV, accelerated use through Central and State Nodal agencies as well as voluntary organisations. Efforts are being continued to extend the coverage of the existing programmes to more areas and to further reduce costs and improve efficiency of these devices through R&D.