

- (i) The Government have set up a National Wastelands Development Board with the objective of bringing 5 million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantations, and to develop a people's movement therefor.
- (ii) Promotion of Biogas Plants and Solar Cookers as alternative to fuelwood-based Chulhas.
- (iii) Introduction of fuel efficient Chulhas.
- (iv) Development and promotion of fuel efficient Crematoria.

(d) In the Seventh Five Year Plan, under the Centrally sponsored scheme of social forestry including rural fuelwood plantations, an outlay of Rs. 85 crores has been provided as central share. The National Wastelands Development Board have an outlay of Rs. 122 crores during the Seventh Plan for programmes mainly intended for production of fuelwood and fodder. Similarly, an outlay of Rs. 4231.25 crores has been provided under National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme out of which 25 per cent is earmarked for social forestry, for production of fuelwood, fodder and small timber. In the Seventh Plan, a provision of Rs. 13 crores has also been made towards central share for production of fodder under a new scheme of establishment of silvi-pastoral farms. In addition, the State Governments also provide for social forestry in the State budgets.

Electronic Units in Manipur

5968. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to set up electronic unit in Manipur;
- (b) whether applications for industrial licences from Manipur are pending with the Department of Electronics; and
- (c) if so, details thereof ?

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OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) In the Seventh Five Year Plan drawn up by the Department of Electronics, there is no specific programme at present to set up electronics units in Manipur. However to encourage the growth of electronics, Department of Electronics is setting up a 'Centre for Electronics Design Technology' in Manipur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Special Scheme for Expansion and Development of Electronic Industry in Hill Areas

5969. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Electronics has chalked out any special scheme for the expansion and development of electronic industry in hill areas of the country;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof;

(c) the total number of electronic industries set up in the hill areas of the country under this scheme;

(d) if not, when it is likely to be chalked out; and

(e) whether Government propose to declare certain areas as electronic zones under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (e). Government encourages setting up of Electronic Industries throughout the country in any premissible location for industry including hill areas. With a view to encourage more electronics industries in Hill Districts included in Category 'A', it has also been decided that the maximum ceiling of Central Investment subsidy would be raised from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs at the rate of 25% in case of electronic indust-