

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to advance the clock during summer months so that much of the work can be done during day time leading to energy saving;

(b) whether any exercise has been made to find out the quantum of energy that can be saved in this process; and

(c) when the scheme is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). A suggestion has been received to consider advancing the clock in summer based on possible savings in commercial energy. The suggestion is being examined.

Business Management Officers to Run Public Undertakings

6740. SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government to start a separate cadre of officers trained in business management to run public sector undertaking ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : No, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Wool Bank in Hills of U.P.

6741. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given assurances a number of times on the floor of the House to set up a wool bank in the interest of weaver of woollen cloth in Dharchula, Munsyari and Didihat Development blocks in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this proposed wool bank has since been opened;

(c) if so, when and the total capacity thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(e) when this wool bank is likely to be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e). KVI Board U.P. desired to set up a Wool Bank to supplement the efforts of KVIC in Uttar Khand area. For this purpose an amount of Rs. 20 lakhs was made available to KVI Board U.P. in March, 1985, for procuring the required quantity of raw wool for distributing to the local institutions and artisans. In addition an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs was made available by KVIC to the Director KVIC, Haldwani to procure Nepali Wool (Tibetan wool) from wool traders of Nepa through a committee headed by District Magistrate, Pithoragarh. Wool so purchased was distributed to the indentors on cost basis. In addition, U.P. State KVI Board had procured for distribution wool worth Rs. 27 lakhs from J and K during 1985-86. These activities are proposed to be continued during 1986-87.

[*English*]

Foreign Exchange outflow on account of Automobile Industry

6742. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of the foreign exchange outflow on account of the automobile industry from 1980 onwards under the following heads; (i) total value of foreign exchange outflow annually; (ii) foreign exchange outflow according to categories of vehicles; and (iii) foreign exchange outflow for import of machinery, components, raw materials and for payment of royalties and technical fees; and

(b) the projected size of foreign exchange outflow on account of foreign collaboration agreement entered into for producing automobiles and accessories over the period the agreements would remain in force ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Quantity and value of