

in West Bengal as 'Urja Villages';

(b) the sources of non-conventional energy utilised there;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the coverage in the Seventh Five Year Plan in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, to what extent and in which districts?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Urjagram projects have so far been taken up in seven villages in West Bengal.

(b) A combination of various non-conventional energy devices and systems such as solar photovoltaic based streetlights, pumps and community television, and water pumping windmills are being installed in these villages.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Energy surveys have been initiated in a number of villages in the State. Based on these surveys further urjagram projects are envisaged. Initially, it is proposed to take up one such project in every Parliamentary constituency in the State.

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#### **Linking of Almora with Delhi by S.T.D.**

9086. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Almora city in Uttar Pradesh with Delhi by S.T.D.; and

(b) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Almora is already linked with Delhi on STD with effect from 21.3.86 through Trunk Automatic Exchange, Bareilly.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

#### **Construction of Post Office Building at Bhiklaseen (Almora, U.P.)**

9087. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Post Office building at Bhiklaseen (Almora, Uttar Pradesh) is proposed to be constructed during this year; and

(b) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, the question of indicating the time-frame for construction of departmental building does not arise.

#### **Opening of Small Telephone Exchanges In Almora and Pithoragarh (U.P.)**

9088. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open some new small telephone exchanges in Pithoragarh and Almora districts in Uttar Pradesh during 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the names of the places and the time by which these exchanges will be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During 1987-88 two new exchanges at Jainti and Jalali are planned to be opened in Almora District.

#### **Opening of Branch Post Offices in Almora and Pithoragarh (U.P.)**

9089. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the