

(c) the units now producing power meters in the State with details of their location and manufacturing capacity; and

(d) whether Government intend to set up any more units for manufacture of power meters in Kerala and if so, the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) to (d). Presumably, the intention of the Hon'ble Member is to seek information on house-service meters (single phase and poly-phase). No State-wise annual assessment of requirement is made for this item. Manufacturing Units are established taking into account the overall need of country and not of any particular State alone. In the organised sector there are about 14 units with a capacity of 62.90 lakhs nos. and the production during the period 1985-86 was about 38.9 lakh nos. The production of house service meters is sufficient to meet the demand and no reports of shortage have been received. In the organised sector there is only one unit which is located at Quilon (Kerala) with a capacity of 3.24 lakh nos. This industry has since been delicensed and no proposal to set up a unit for manufacture of power meters in the public sector in Kerala is under consideration of Central Government.

**Alcohol driven vehicles and raise
in Alcohol production from
Molasses**

4458. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to produce 100 per cent alcohol driven vehicles as in Brazil and ensure that alcohol production is raised from molasses and other raw materials for which processes have been developed/claimed, such as from tapioca etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of Electronic Telephone
Exchange at Nagpur**

4459. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the existing Nagpur Telephone Exchange is jammed to its full capacity and one cannot get a line; even on medical grounds;

(b) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government since long to set up an Electronic Telephone Exchange at Nagpur;

(c) whether necessary equipments have been installed in Nagpur Telephone Exchange; and

(d) if not, the time by which the necessary equipments will be installed and Electronic Telephone Exchange start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Nagpur Telephone Exchange at present is over loaded.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Electronic exchange equipment for 10,000 lines is expected to be supplied by ITI factory at Manikpur by September, 87 and the electronic exchange is expected to start functioning within the next two years, at Nagpur.

**Import of machinery and equipment
by Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

4460. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD :
DR. V. VENKATESH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :