

(b) whether the Institute has given to understand the electricity boards that if their proposal at (a) above is followed it would pay back the cost to the Boards within three years; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). A paper has been received from the International Institute of Energy Conservation in which potential savings of electricity in the agriculture sector through deployment of efficient pumps complying with the BIS specifications and also by replacing the inefficient pumpsets has been identified. According to this paper the total savings potential would be 11 TWH per year or about 1/3rd of the electricity consumption in electric irrigation pumping.

Government is already aware about the energy saving potential due to replacement of inefficient agriculture pumpsets and has already sponsored a number of schemes for rectification of such pumpsets, to a limited extent, in the country.

Proposal to Broadcast Programmes in Manipuri

4044. SHRI YAJMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to broadcast news and programmes of entertainment in Manipuri for the benefit of the Manipuri inhabitants in Assam, Tripura, West Bengal and Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. However, cultural programmes of Manipur are given in national network depicting rich culture in songs and dances for all viewers of national network.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Transposer on Hills Near Gunadala in Vijayawada

4045. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations for setting up transposer equipment on the hill near the Gunadala in Vijayawada city, Andhra Pradesh to cover the shadow zones; and

(b) if so, the time by which transposer equipment is likely to be installed to help T.V. viewers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A TV transposer has already been functioning at Gandhi hill in Vijayawada city for strengthening TV service to areas falling under shadow zones. Establishment of another transposer for providing better TV reception to shadow areas caused due to Gunadala hill would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

Newly Set up NPTC

4046. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly set up National