

than 30 years has led the country to self sufficiency in respect of peaceful uses of atomic energy, such as, Nuclear Power generation technology, production of radioisotopes and their applications in industry, medicine and agriculture. This is being continued for future also in order to keep pace with the international developments in these areas.

(f) The present installed power generating capacity of nuclear plants in India is 1720 MWe. The nuclear power projects under construction will add 1100 MWe of power generating capacity by 1997. Efforts are on to take the installed nuclear power generating capacity level to 3820 MWe by the year 2002, subject to availability of resources. According to the 14th Annual Power Survey report, the energy requirement at the end of the year 2000 A.D. would be 517 billion units.

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### **Wasteland Development in Rajasthan**

421. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of Wasteland in the country;

(b) the total Wasteland in Rajasthan and details of the proposed development programmes in this regard and the estimated amount likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the total funds allocated to the State in this regard;

(d) whether the services of voluntary organisations are also sought for the Wasteland development in the State;

(e) if so, whether the previous performance of these voluntary organisations has been reviewed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) No detailed survey has yet been conducted for the identification of wastelands but according to one estimate the total extent of wastelands in the country is 129.58 million hectares.

(b) and (c) Out of the total estimate mentioned in part (a) above an area of 19.93 million hectares is under wastelands in Rajasthan. Tree planting/afforestation activity is being carried out under various Central and State Government Plans over various categories of lands, including wastelands, under Point No. 16 of the 20-Point programme. Under this programme a total allocation of Rs. 125.50 crores has been made for Rajasthan for the year 1993-94.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) In Rajasthan the National Wastelands Development Board is currently providing financial assistance to 4 Non Government Organisations under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme. Before a Non Government Organisation is considered for financial assistance, the project submitted by it is appraised through an independent agency. The project is approved on the basis of this appraisal. Before release of subsequent instalments, the evaluation of the work completed is got done through an independent agency.