

(b) if so, the details of such offers;

(c) the places where the Government propose to set up such projects;

(d) whether any other foreign subsidised/foreign aided non-conventional energy sources projects have been proposed to be set up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c). An American delegation led by Ms. Hazel R.O. Leary, US Secretary of Energy, visited India in the month of February, 1995. Out of a number of collaboration agreements/memoranda of understanding in various renewable energy fields signed between industries/institutions of the two countries, three were for the setting up of Solar Power Plants, one each in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Delhi; and one for 20 MW Wind Energy Project in Tamil Nadu.

(d) and (e). Non-conventional energy projects are also proposed to be set up under the following programmes with assistance from multilateral/bilateral agencies:

- (i) The renewable Resources Development Project envisages an assistance of US \$ 195 million for setting up Small Hydro Power Projects (100 MW), Wind Farm Projects (85 MW) and Solar Photovoltaics (2.5 MW) through private sector participation. The projects shall be spread throughout the country.
- (ii) The India Bio-Energy Project aims at energy recovery through use of state-of-the-art high-rate bio-methanation technology as applied to a number of substrates. A grant of US \$ 5.5 million has been provided by UNDP/GEF for 16 demonstration projects using various technologies for treatment of sewage, leather effluent, solid waste, paper effluent, market waste in different states of the country.
- (iii) Under the Hilly Hydro Project, a grant of US \$ 7.5 million is being provided by UNDP/GEF for optimum utilisation of small hydel resources in the Himalayan and sub-Himalayan regions through setting up of 20 commercially viable small hydel demonstration projects in thirteen States namely J&K, Himachal Pradesh, U.P., West Bengal Sikkim, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur and Bihar.
- (iv) The Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention Project is aimed at promoting the use of alternate bio-mass fuels in Sugar mills with co-generation facility in different States of the country. United States Agency for International Development (US-AID) is providing an assistance of US \$ 12 million for this project.

[English]

Asthma

7007. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently inducted any survey to assess the asthma patients in each State;

(b) if so, the State which has the highest incidence of asthma; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government to check the asthma cases ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). Asthma is not a notifiable disease. There is no authentic data available to assess the asthma patients, State-wise.

(c) Health education and steps taken to check the air and water pollution.

[Translation]

Cadre review in EME

7008. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cadre review for Group 'A' and 'B' employees in the corps of EME under the Ministry of Defence has been finalised;

(b) whether the cadre review on the same pattern from Groups 'C' and 'D' employees in the corps of EME has also been finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The cadre review proposals were not submitted to Ministry of Finance because these proposals were not found to be as per Government Instructions on the subject.

[Translation]

National Institute of Communicable Diseases

7009. SHRI RATILAL VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Communicable Diseases has put up any proposal to develop a