

and cars have been converted to run on Compressed Natural Gas under a pilot project of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The use of Compressed Natural Gas for running vehicles is at an experimental stage. Government has however not issued any specific instructions to the manufacturers to produce engines using Compressed Natural Gas.

ISRO at Trivandrum

3344. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to develop ISRO at Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details with decision of the Government thereon; and

(c) the allocation made for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c). ISRO has three Centres/Units at Trivandrum namely, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Liquid Propulsion Systems Unit (LPSC) at Valiamala and ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU). Suitable augmentation and restructuring of various ISRO Centres are done as a part of continuous process to meet the requirements of developing launch vehicles/satellites. The necessary funds will be made available as and when required.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3345. SHRI RAMCHANDRA GHANGARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Bombay have decided to close its regional office at Wardha;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation opposing the above move; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to resolve the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, 'Sir.

(b) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) informed that as a sequel to the recommendations/ observations made by the High Power Committee on Khadi and village industries, it appointed a Committee to review the utility of various regional offices of KVIC. The Committee, after studying the utility and corresponding expenditure of the regional offices, recommended to close down the regional office,

Wardha. The commission accepted this recommendations of the committee and decided to close down the office with effect from 1.4.95.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The representation received by Government has been forwarded to KVIC for its comments. KVIC has now informed that some other representations have also been received from the institutions of Wardha region and Khadi Commission Karamachari Union of Wardha unit. The KVIC has further informed that all these representations have been considered and a conscious decision has been taken not to revise its earlier decision.

BHEL Developed Gas Insulated Sub-station

3346. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has recently achieved success in developing first indigenously built gas insulated sub-station (GIS);

(b) if so, the special features thereof;

(c) whether the GIS developed technology is likely to go a long way in solving the problems of the State Electricity Boards; and

(d) the time by which the first GIS is likely to be tested and the place where it is proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d). BHEL have taken up the development of a compact distribution sub-station called gas insulated sub-station (GIS). While the development of high voltage (145 KV) sub-station is in progress, BHEL has successfully developed a 36 KV, 13.1 KA three phase GIS.

The special features of the sub-station are as under:

- (i) A safe insulating gas (SF 6) is used.
- (ii) GIS requires a very low floor area (14% only) as compared to Air Insulated Sub-Stations.
- (iii) It is largely unaffected by atmospheric conditions and is, therefore, relatively free from maintenance problems.

BHEL has received an order for 12 numbers of GIS from Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. The equipment is under manufacturer and is expected to be installed at Secunderabad in two months' time.

Difficulties of Keltron

3347. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received memoranda from M/s KELTRON regarding the difficulties being faced by it;