

Installation of statue of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

4134. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited procured a metallic statue of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru last year;

(b) if so, the amount paid in buying this statue and the name of the supplying agency; and

(c) whether the statue has been installed if so, where and if not, when it is likely to be installed and where?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). Last year, BHEL New Delhi procured a metallic statue of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for Rs. 82,500/- from M/s Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur which is a subsidiary of SAIL. The statue will be installed at Bhopal soon.

Payment of bills of Ancillary units by Punjab Tractor Limited

4135. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ancillary industrial units attached to the Punjab Tractors Limited;

(b) the number out of them situated in Ropar district;

(c) the amount of bills of the small ancillary units pending against the Punjab Tractors Limited; and

(d) the reasons for delay in payment of the bills?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). Punjab Tractors Limited have reported that there are 240 Nos. of ancillary/SSI suppliers supplying

materials to them and 95 such units are located in Ropar District.

(c) and (d). Supply of materials and payments therefor are commercial transactions involving contractual obligation between the suppliers and Punjab Tractors Limited and Government do not exercise any statutory control over it. Punjab Tractors Limited have reported that monthly supplies by ancillary/SSI units amounted to Rs. 1.7 crores, and the outstandings of the month of March, 1990 amounting to Rs. 12 lakhs have also been cleared.

National Bio-Gas Development Programme in Orissa

4136. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bio-gas Development programme is being implemented in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, to what extent the programme has helped the tribals in Orissa; and

(c) the number of bio-gas plants set up in the tribal districts of Orissa, especially, in the Phulbani district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Orissa Renewable Energy Development Agency, during the period from 1985-86 to 1988-89 about 3170 tribal families have benefitted from the setting up of biogas plants under the National Project on Biogas Development. In addition, 63 biogas plants have been installed in Orissa by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under the Integrated Tribal Development Projects during 1986-87 to 1988-89.

(c) Over 7950 family type biogas plants were set up in the five tribal districts of Orissa, including about 435 plants in Phulbani district during the period 1985-86 to 1989-90 (upto February, 1990).