

Generation of Power from Wind[*Translation*]

2109. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement schemes for generating electricity from winds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such units are proposed to be set up in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR). (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a programme for generating electricity from wind by undertaking demonstration projects in association with State agencies. In addition, the Government is encouraging Private Sector wind power generation by giving incentives. So far, an aggregate wind power capacity of about 45 MW has been established in the country, comprising 37.5 MW under the demonstration programme and 7.5 MW in Private Sector. During the Eighth Plan, a target of 100MW wind power projects, including Private Sector projects has been proposed.

(c) and (d). A 2 MW demonstration wind farm project at kanjikode in Palakkad district in Kerala is presently under implementation. Additional projects would be considered in the State, depending upon technical viability and availability of funds. Private Sector can also avail of concessional financing from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency and other incentives in the form of accelerated depreciation, tax relieves available for wind power projects.

Bangle Industry

2110. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to chalk out any scheme to encourage bangle industry in Agra/Firozabad of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b). There is no government Scheme exclusively for the encouragement of glass bangle industry of Firozabad/Agra. Looking into the overall need of technology upgradation of glass industry of Firozabad a project viz, "Centre for Improvement of Glass Industry (CIGI)" is being set up with UNDP assistance at a cost of Rs. 10.05 crores. The bangle industry would, therefore, automatically get assistance for the technology upgradation through the new scheme.

[*English*]**Funds For Non-Governmental Organisations**

2111. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has sanctioned funds for distribution among the Non-Governmental Organisations during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and