

Municipal Corporation of Delhi has carried out survey of the area recently and has reported more than 1300 premises which have come up unauthorisedly in the area during the last 20 years. It has reported that its Building Department has been taking action against the unauthorised construction in the Sainik Farms from time to time depending upon the availability of police assistance. MCD has demolished 39 buildings and 70 boundary walls since March, 93.

Generation of Wind Energy

3201. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the sites with a potential of generation 2500 MW of electricity through wind;

(b) if so, the details of the wind energy projects proposed to be set up and the time by which such projects are likely to be set up, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve private sector and foreign companies for the proposed projects; and

(d) if so, the details of the Private Sector and the foreign companies interested to undertake the work ?

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) and (b) Under the Wind Survey Programme, 58 sites have been identified in eight States/UTs for setting up of wind power projects. Details about such sites are contained in two Handbooks on Wind energy Resource survey brought

out by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The target set for the Eighth Plan for wind power generation is 500 MW. The establishment of the projects will depend upon the finalisation of proposals received from the private sector by the State Governments.

(c) A new market orientation strategy has been evolved by the Ministry for setting up of wind power projects with active private sector participation and through joint ventures.

(d) A total private sector capacity of 29 MW has already been established and 24 MW in Gujarat respectively.

Letters of intent have been issued to seven companies for a total capacity of 178.5 MW in Andhra Pradesh. 29 applications have been received in Tamil Nadu for a capacity of 20.65 MW; 43 in Gujarat for a capacity of 333.73 MW; and 6 in Karnataka for a capacity of 24 MW, respectively.

Ezhimala Naval Academy

3202. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA CHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study team has recently been sent by the Union Government to Kerala to report on the issue of early commissioning of the Ezhimala Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount so far spent on the project including the cost of land acquisition; and

(d) the stage at which the matter

stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) A Sub Committee of the Project Management Board visited the Project site recently for an on the spot assessment of the facilities planned for the Naval Academy Project.

(c) and (d) A sum of Rs. 56.88 crores has been spent by the Central and State Governments on land acquisition and creation of infrastructure facilities.

Computerised Information System

3203. DR. G.L. KANAUIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a computerised information system for medicinal and aromatic plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to create awareness of values and use of medicinal plants in India; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent large scale smuggling of these plants and their consequent extinction ?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) The APINMAP (Asian & Pacific Network on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants), a UNESCO sponsored programme is a specialised information network and a

voluntary cooperative programme for countries in the Asian and Pacific region with the objective of promoting information exchange in the field of medicinal and aromatic plants. Presently, 13 countries including India are participating in this network. This programme seeks to achieve its objectives by -

- (1) Making available and using to the maximum extent possible information in this field ;
- (2) Assisting in the development or strengthening of specialised information services and information handling capabilities of member states;
- (3) Promoting resources sharing activities and services;
- (4) Providing guidance in the development of information products and services appropriate to various target user communities of the network; and
- (5) Providing linkages to other regional and international networks or services in the field of medicinal and aromatic plants.

In order to create awareness about this programme, it is advertised through an abstracting journal called MAPA (Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts), various other journals, folders, workshops, advertisements, exhibitions, etc.

(c) Extensive efforts have been initiated to create a general awareness among the people, the Government departments and the industry to check the over-exploitation of these plants. Techniques have also been developed to