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| 2. | Solar Thermal Energy | : | Energy saving equivalent to about 200 million KWh per year. |
| 3. | Solar Photovoltaic Energy | : | About 800,000 KWh of power generation per year. |
| 4. | Wind Energy | ; | About 2.5 million KWh generation and saving per year. |

In addition about 133 million tonnes of fuelwood and 40 million tonnes of agricultural residues are estimated to be used annually for energy purposes in India according to the Working Group on Energy Policy (1979).

Loss Due to Fire in Petrol Tanker in Bidar District, Karnataka

1343. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :
SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-
SWARA RAO :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :
SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Times of India of 2nd November, 1985 wherein it has been stated that more than 40 persons have been killed and 82 injured when a petrol tanker which fell into a ditch and caught fire and burst in Bihar District of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated loss therefrom;

(c) whether inquiry into the matter has since been conducted;

(d) whether any relief has been given to the victims; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Government have seen the news-item.

(b) Apart from the contractor's tank-truck which got burnt, there was loss of 14 KL of petrol. Besides, 71 persons have so far died while 33 injured persons are under treatment.

(c) Investigation by the police is in progress.

(d) and (e). While the State Government has announced the scale of relief of Rs. 5,000 to the next of kin of each person killed and Rs. 2,000 to those injured, Rs. 3 lakhs have been released and Rs. 75,500 have so far been paid.

Nahan Foundry

1344. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the acute financial crisis being experienced by Nahan Foundry, Himachal Pradesh, has sent a proposal to the Union Government for taking over of the foundry;

(b) whether Members of Parliament from Himachal Pradesh have also represented to the Union Government for the same;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to the proposal; and

(d) the time by which the foundry is likely to be taken over by the Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.