

[*Translation*]**Setting up of Solar Energy Station in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh**

1378. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where solar energy stations are proposed to be set up the number of such stations set up so far and the capacity of each of such stations;

(b) whether Government are considering the question of setting up of such a station in Allahabad also for the development of eastern region in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, whether any survey will be conducted in some part of the Phulpur parliamentary constituency where this station is proposed to be set up at a suitable place ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). Solar energy has started being used for low and medium grade heat applications as well as low electric power applications. A number of such installations are operating already in many parts of the country including Allahabad. Larger size solar power stations are in the research and development stage.

[*English*]**Shifting of Establishments of IOC, BPL and HPL from Cochin**

1379. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the establishments of Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum in Cochin to nearby Ambalamedu for safety and better conveniences; and

(b) if so, when and the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Linking Satna in Madhya Pradesh with Rest of India By S.T.D.

1381. SHRI AZIZ QUARESHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the work to link Satna in Madhya Pradesh by STD with the rest of India; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred in the above mentioned work from 1st January 1985 to 31st October 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Switching equipment has been installed. Transmission equipment is under installation.

(b) The expenditure incurred from 1st January 1985 to 31st October 1985 is being collected and will be furnished as soon as possible.

Installation of Bio-Gas Plants in Varanasi

1382. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a French team has visited varanasi in regard to installing a bio-gas plant that will be most modern in terms of sewage handling facilities;

(b) if so, whether it will also help to reduce pollution in the Ganga; and

(c) whether Government propose to instal such bio-gas plants in other cities also which are located on the river banks ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Posts of Professionals in the Bureau of Public Enterprises

1383. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :