

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of Integrated Rural Energy Centres at Khandia near Baroda;

(b) whether it is a collaborative project between Gujarat Electricity Board and the Gujarat Energy Development Agency;

(c) whether the funding to these centres is being done with the aid of World Bank or by the Union Government; and

(d) what would be the total estimate therefor and how much energy would be produced therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The village level integrated energy project at Khandia near Baroda, has already been established.

(b) It is a joint project of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Gujarat Energy Development Agency and Gujarat Electricity Board.

(c) The project has been fully funded by the Central and State Governments.

(d) The total expenditure on the project is Rs. 15 lakhs. It is estimated that the annual energy production/saving would amount to 300 tonnes of coal equivalent.

[Translation]

Conversion of Telephone Exchanges in Azamgarh District (U.P.)

2324. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of telephone exchanges in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh which were converted or were proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) the names of telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the year 1986-87 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). There are no proposals to install electronic exchanges in Azamgarh District.

Automatic Telephone Exchange at Mau (Azamgarh) U.P.

2325. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that land for an automatic telephone exchanges at Mau, district Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, has since been acquired, but no work has been done at the site in spite of the fact that almost three years have passed since the project started; and

(b) If so, the reasons for delay in starting the work and the time by which construction work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. The construction of the building for Telephone Exchange at Mau, District Azamgarh, U.P. was started in December 1984 and is expected to be completed by the end of March 1986.

(b) In view of reply in (a) above, the question does not arise.

Repair of OBRA Power Station Machines

2326. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether two 400 MW machines burnt in fire that broke out in Obra Power Station two years ago are still lying unrepared as a result of which power production has decreased to a large extent and it has become difficult to meet the power requirements of the State; and

(b) Government's reaction thereto and action being taken to repair these machines soon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir. Both these machines of 200 MW each which were