

Plan, 119,541 villages were electrified in the country against the target of 123,151.

(b) In view of the cent per cent rural electrification already achieved in 1979-80, no amount was needed to be provided during Seventh Plan period for rural electrification in Kerala. However, an amount of Rs. 19.47 crores has been earmarked for energisation of pumpsets/tubewells in Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Production and Import of Cement

3235. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of cement produced and the quantity imported during 1985, and the rate at which import was made ; and

(b) the quantity of cement likely to be produced and the quantity likely to be imported during 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Production and import of cement by the country during 1985 was about 31.9 million tonnes and 0.28 million tonnes respectively. The rate at which import of cement was effected is not being disclosed, in public interest.

(b) Production and import of cement during 1986 are expected to be around 35 million tonnes and 0.22 million tonnes respectively.

Proposal for Expansion of Srisaillam Hydro-Electric Power Project by Andhra Pradesh

3236. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the State Electricity Board of Andhra Pradesh have submitted proposals for the expansion of Srisaillam Hydro Electric Power Project ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals ; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the proposal submitted for the expansion of the

Hydro-Electric Power Project at Srisaillam ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has submitted a project report on Srisaillam Left Bank Power Station for construction of an underground power house and installation of 9×110 MW pump turbine units.

(c) The project report has been examined and comments sent to the Project authorities for revising the report. The revised project report is awaited.

Micro-Wave Satellite Link Station at Karimganj Assam

3237. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal for installation of a Micro-wave Satellite Link Station at Karimganj in Assam ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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). A radio relay reply system utilising Ultra High Frequency (UHF) has recently been provided for reliable communication from Karimganj to Silchar and other parts of Assam.

Setting up of Thermal Projects in States

3238. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the States that propose to set up thermal projects under the Seventh Plan, have their own source of oil/coal or other requisite fuel ;

(b) if not, how they intend to acquire the same, whether from domestic markets or by importing ; and

(c) what percentage of the estimated expense for setting up of thermal projects will be met by the Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.