

villages in Bankura District to West Bengal Science and Technology Committee, Government of West Bengal. The project system configuration includes photovoltaic street-lights, pumps, community television and radio; wind pumps and improved chulhas.

(c) Under the programmes to be implemented by the Department of Non-Conventional Sources of Energy during the Seventh Plan, a number of projects in this area will be taken up in West Bengal in cooperation with the State Nodal agency. In addition a provision of Rs. 175 lakhs has been made by the Planning Commission for the development of non-conventional energy sources for the Seventh Plan in the State Sector of West Bengal.

Production B. H. C. by Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.

2700. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the B. H. C. produced by Hindustan Insecticides Limited, Cochin has been rejected by the National Malaria Eradication Programme,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to persuade N. M. E. P. to purchase B. H. C. produced by the Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). In terms of an order dated the 17th March, 1986 issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health), the purchase of B. H. C. (50 per cent) and Malathion by the State under the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) has been decentralised and the States may now directly purchase their entire requirement under NMEP programme. For the current financial year, Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. (HIL) and its subsidiary (Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd.) have so far received orders for supply of about 5000 M. T. of BHC (50 per cent) under NMEP as against about 9000 M. T. supplied during

1985-86. Some more orders for BHC (50 per cent) are likely to be received. No indent has been received so far for Malathion.

Optical Fibre Scheme for telephone system in Kerala

2701. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Optical Fibre Scheme will be implemented for the telephone system in Kerala;

(b) if so, the cost of the project;

(c) the time by which it will be commissioned; and

(d) the advantages of this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Estimated cost of the project for long distance is about Rs. 30 crores.

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(c) It is expected to be completed by 88-89 subject to the availability of materials.

(d) (i) It is latest, highly reliable technology with very high potential capacity for growth.

(ii) It is cheaper on long term basis.

(iii) It is most convenient and economical communication system to cover long distance switching nodes as well as wayside small stations.

Automatic telephone exchange in Kasargod district Kerala

2702. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :