

**Health Hazards caused by Smoke**

2447. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether WHO have made any report on health hazards caused by smoke emitted from firewood, charcoal, cowdung and agricultural waste burning ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether any scientific studies have been conducted in this respect through any agency by his Ministry in this regard; and

(d) necessary prophylactic measures taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report deals with the nature and extent of indoor air pollution from biomass combustion in rural areas of developing countries. An analysis on incidence of diseases which could be attributed to air pollution from biomass combustion is also presented in the report.

(c) A study has been conducted through the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) on performance of cook-stoves in regard to the emissions and efficiency of combustion.

(d) The measures taken include : use of improved stoves, biogas plants and solar devices.

**Centre for Development of Telematics**

2448. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the fund allotted to the Centre for Development of Telematics project so far ;

(b) the actual amount spent so far ;

(c) the number of persons employed in the Centre for Development of Telematics project ; and

(d) whether results shown so far tally with expectations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Funds as per following details have been released to C-DOT :

1984-85	:	Rs. 6.05 crores
1985-86	:	Rs. 12.02 crores
1986-87	:	Rs. 5.00 crores
Total	:	Rs. 23.07 crores

(b) The actual expenditure by C-DOT during the period August, 1984 to October, 1986 is 19.60 crores.

(c) C-DOT has employed 425 persons as on date in various categories for its project. Most of these personnel are technical and on contract basis.

(d) The progress has been very satisfactory and as per schedule.

**IAS Examination Centres in Kerala**

2449. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of examination Centres for Civil Service Examination in Kerala during 1985 ;

(b) the number of candidates who appeared for the above examination from Kerala during 1985 ; and

(c) the number of candidates selected from Kerala during 1985 ?