

While there is no ideal ratio of hydel-thermal mix in a power system as the same would depend on a number of system parameters, a generation mix of the order of 40 per cent hydel and 60 per cent thermal capacity is considered fairly adequate for the Indian systems.

Longer gestation periods in setting up hydel projects, resource constraints, Inter-state water disputes etc. are some of the major factors responsible for slow pace of hydro power development in the country. However, a number of steps are being taken to give boost to the hydel development. Some of these are (i) supplementing the efforts of the States by taking up hydro projects in the Central Sector through NHPC and NEEPCO; (ii) financing hydel projects through external sources, wherever feasible; (iii) Identifying potential hydro projects for taking advance action during the Seventh Plan etc.

**Proposal to bring D. M. T. and det
Ernakulam under a General
Manager**

3082. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to bring District Manager (Telephone) and Divisional Engineer (Telephone), Ernakulam under a General Manager ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : The District Manager (Telephone) and Divisional Engineer (Telephone) Ernakulam are already under the control of General Manager Telecom Kerala Circle.

In addition, there is a proposed to put a general Manager by upgrading the present telephone district.

Group dialling system in Cochin

3083. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to start group dialling system in Cochin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : The Group dialling system is already working in Cochin.

Wind mill projects for Konkan Coast

3084. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the Konkan Coast of Maharashtra for setting up wind mill projects for electricity generation; and

(b) if so, which places on the Konkan Coast are being considered for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A wind farm of 550 KW capacity has already been set up at Deogarh on the Konkan Coast of Maharashtra. Expansion of this project to an aggregate capacity of 1.1 MW is in progress. Preliminary wind surveys indicate several other favourable locations such as Dahanu and Harnai for wind power generation. Steps have been taken to obtain more detailed wind data for such locations on the Konkan Coast.

**Export of Capital Equipments
Assemblies and Components**

3085. SHRI NARSING SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise import of capital equipments, assemblies and components to accelerate the pace of modernisation; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to issue import licences expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Government have been following a liberal import policy with a view to provide essential inputs to the industry so as to meet the interests of the domestic consumption as also for exports. However, import policy is kept under constant review so that