

National Wind Mill Project in Delhi

4311. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Wind Mill Project is running successfully in Delhi as reported in Hindustan Times of 15-4-1988;

(b) the location of other similar projects in the country and their performance; and

(c) whether Government have a system of reporting their findings on new developments through publications within months of such developments?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir. 78 water pumping windmills have been installed in and around Delhi and the programme is being implemented successfully.

(b) About 2150 water pumping windmills have already been installed in 23 States/Union Territories under the demonstration programme of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The performance of these windmills is generally satisfactory notably in States of Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The major activities in this area which takes into account new findings and developments are reported in the Annual Report and other publications of the Department.

Kolaghat Thermal Power Project

4312. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kolaghat thermal power project set for completion of its second phase is being delayed abnormally for want of funds;

(b) whether the BHEL is lagging behind the schedule date of execution of the project due to non-cooperation of various financial

institutions like industrial Development Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation of India and State Bank of India etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to ensure that the project is not further delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Low Power T.V. Transmitter for Harda, M.P.

4313. SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to set up a low power transmitter in Harda area which is predominantly inhabited by 'Adivasis';

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT) : (a) to (c). There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up a TV transmitter at Harda in Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh under the Seventh Plan. However, parts of Hoshangabad district including Harda town fall within the service area of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter functioning at Bhopal. Any further improvement of TV service in the area as also other parts of the country similarly placed can be carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources for this purpose in the future plans for TV expansion.