

Solar photovoltaic devices, wind mills, biogas production and biomass conversion.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Within the overall programme on New and Renewable Energy Sources, the Department of Science and Technology has sponsored some projects on production of phytomass through fertiliser plantations for production of fodder feed and fertiliser. To mention a few—

(1) A multi. institutional, inter-disciplinary All India Coordinated Project on Algae as a source of feed, fuel and bio-fertiliser is being implemented at six research centres, namely: (i) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, (ii) Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, (iii) Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar. (iv) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur, (v) National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, and (vi) Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar.

(2) Cultivation and screening of petro-crops-being implemented at Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun and National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow.

(3) Introduction and cultivation of Jojoba—NBRI Lucknow and Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur.

(4) Establishment of Biomass research centres at Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai and NBRI, Lucknow, an integrated programme of research, development, demonstration, training and field trials to produce and utilise biomass is being currently processed by DST.

Foreign Collaboration Agreements

3275 SHRI K. KUNHAAMBU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaboration agreements reached or are in process during the last one year;

(b) names of countries and the areas in which collaboration is sought; and

(c) details about the terms and conditions of these collaboration agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA):

(a) to (c). 444 foreign collaboration proposals were approved during January-November, 1980. Lists giving details of the foreign collaboration proposals approved by Government are issued on a quarterly basis. These lists, inter alia, indicate the name of Indian company, the name of foreign collaborator, the item of manufacture and whether the proposal involves foreign capital participation. Copies of these lists are sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

Crime in D.T.C. Buses.

3276. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether chain snatching, pick-pocketing and stabbing are on the increase in the DTC buses;

(b) if so, the incidents registered with the police during the last 6 months.

(c) what steps DTC has taken to stop such activities;

(d) whether it is a fact that DTC staff is in league with unlawful activities; and

(e) if so, the action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). As will be seen from the figures for the last six months viz. 16th May to 15th November, 1980 and the corresponding period of last year, indicated below the cases