

Statement

The horizontal axis, multi-directional water pumping windmill has a rotor diameter of 5 metres, and consists of 12 metal blades. The pump is of the single acting reciprocating type. The height of the tower is 6 metres. The windmill is capable of operating in regions having average windspeeds of 8 km/hr ; it provides a total lift of about 6 metres, and the discharge of water is nearly 2500 litres/hr. These windmills are promising for pumping water for minor irrigation or drinking, or for pumping brine into salt pans. The cost of each unit is estimated at about Rs. 12,000.

Similar water pumping windmills have been developed at the Institute of Engg. and Rural Technology, Allahabad ; a number of such units are being installed at several locations for demonstration and field-testing.

Sale and Publication of Books containing Derogatory Remarks against Religious Prophets

1767. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action has been taken by the State Governments concerned on the sale and publication of books, containing derogatory material against religious prophets or religious practices and benefits on the cases referred to them by the Union Government during the years 1980-81 and 1981-82.

(b) if so, the nature of action taken in each case and the names of the books against which cases were referred to by the Union Government to the various states, separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) and (b). Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of Sainik Schools

1768. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more Sainik Schools in the country ; and

(b) if so, the names of the States alongwith the places, which have been selected for the opening of Sainik Schools in 1981-82 and 1982-83 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) :

(a) and (b). During 1981, proposals suggesting the opening of Sainik Schools have been received from the Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tripura. These Governments have been informed of the requirements which have to be met by them before Government of India can take up an examination of the matter. The Governments of Bihar, Karnataka and Maharashtra have not revived their proposals. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura have sought further information in the matter, which is being supplied.

Memorandum submitted by General Secretary of Hard Castle Woud and Allied Companies Employees' Union Bombay

1769. SHRI R. K. MHALGI : SHRI CHATURBHUIJ :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a memorandum dated 22 July, 1981 from the General Secretary of Hard Castle Woud and Allied Companies Employees' Union Bombay, suggesting some important amendments to "The Payment of Gratuity Act" ;

(b) what suggestions are made in the said memorandum ;