

(f) The cost increase for each of the projects is given below:—

Project	Cost increase in Rs. Crores
Madras Atomic Power Project	
Unit-I	38.59
Unit-II	32.39
Narora Atomic Power Project-Units I & II	166.53
Kakrapar Atomic Power Project-Unit I & II

The cost increase is attributable to escalation, design change, increase in scope and increase in quantum of work.

Amount provided under special component plan.

999. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount provided for the betterment and development of Scheduled Caste people under the "Special Component Plan" in his Ministry for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 separately;

(b) the amount actually spent under the said plan during the said two years separately; and

(c) the reasons for non/less expenditure for each year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (c). The electronics industry is technology-intensive requiring specialised man-powers killed labour and the availability of minimum technical infrastructure. For techno-economic considerations electronic industries are generally near major cities/towns. Nevertheless, assembly operations in electronics afford scope for providing employment in areas where Scheduled Caste people from a large percentage of the population. However, this will call for devising special schemes as also by undertaking measures such as according priority in the issue of industrial approvals to

parties who are prepared to set up units in such areas. Providing such units the incentive of total waiver from excise and sales tax on their electronic products, may also help. However, care has to be taken to ensure that such measures are not abused. The matter is therefore proposed to be examined in detail from operational and other points of view.

Celebration of silver jubilee by BARC

1000. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:

SHRI BABURAO PARANJPYE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has completed 25 years of its existence;

(b) whether any programme has been drawn up to mark this occasion;

(c) if not, the reasons for it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Greeting cards on this occasion of Silver Jubilee of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)—1982 have been printed and are being despatched to various institutions, scientists and others who are associated with BARC. A number of scientific meetings were held in BARC during this year in celebration of Silver Jubilee. More scientific meetings are being planned.

Colour T. V. Sets for general public

1001. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to make available colour T. V. sets to the general public at reasonable rates in view of the impending introduction of colour transmission from October-November this year;

(b) whether Government have issued any direction in this regard to the Electronic Corporation of India Ltd.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Government have launched a one-time limited programme of local assembly of Colour TV sets by the established manufacturers of black and white TV sets in time for the Asiad. The details of the scheme are given in the statement [*Placed in Library. See No LT—42[82]*]. This programme is based on the import of parts and components through ETTDC after standardising and bulking, thus effecting substantial saving in foreign exchange.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Atomic Power Station at Nagarjuna Sagar in Andhra Pradesh

1002. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up 460 M.W. capacity At-

omic Power Plant (230 M.W. each) at Nagarjuna Sagar in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by what time the work is going to be started on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH):

(a) and (b). A Site Selection Committee has been appointed by Government to select suitable sites for the location of Atomic Power Plants in the Western, Northern and Southern Regions. The question of setting up an atomic power station in the Southern Region of which Andhra Pradesh forms a part can be considered after the Committee submits its report.

Proposal to Commercialise the renewable energy sources

1003. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to commercialise and implement on a large scale renewable energy sources such as mini and micro hydels, biogas photovoltaics, wind mills and energy plantations; and

(b) if so, what are the details in respect of each of these schemes and to what extent these schemes have helped or will help in the programme of rural electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) and (b). During the past year, there has been significant growth in industrial and commercial activity in the area of new and renewable energies, and a number of manufacturing units are now actively engaged in the development and manufacture of renewable energy devices and systems; some of these that have been commercialised or are nearing