

### Additional Sources of Energy for Rural Upliftment

3417. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission for Additional Sources of Energy has earmark a number of villages in the capital for setting up community biogas plants, windmills, solar power supply systems and other village upliftment schemes; and

(b) if so, the details of the villages included in the schemes for rural upliftment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH):

(a) and (b). An integrated energy system has already been installed at Masudpur village in Delhi. It consists of biogas plants, wind pumps, solar photovoltaic power generating system to operate TV and tubelights, solar cookers and energy plantation. 72 village families have already been given gas connections from the biogas plants and this is being extended. In addition, the surplus gas is used to generate electric power.

Ghazipur village in Delhi has also been identified for the installation of biogas plants. The gas generated from the biogas plant will be provided for cooking to the surrounding houses of the D.D.A. colony. Survey is being conducted in other villages in the capital to find out the feasibility of installing new plants based on renewable sources of energy.

### Appointment of Assistants in the Ministry of Communications

3418. SHRI KESHAVRAO PARDHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Department of Personnel have issued any instructions not to appoint the employees of Central Secretariat in any cadres on ad-hoc appointment;

(b) whether a large number of employees have been appointed on ad-hoc basis in the Assistant Grade with a period of service of one/two years and above;

(c) what steps have been taken by the P&T Board/Ministry so far to appoint them on a regular basis;

(d) number of vacancies of direct Assistants reported to UPSC for the examinations of the years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982;

(e) number of actual persons joined on the basis of the results of examinations of 1979, 1980 and 1981; and

(f) number of permanent and regular Assistants on the cadre of the Ministry up-to-date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No Sir,

(b) and (c). In the Cadre of the Ministry of Communications 36 Upper Division Clerks are officiating in the grade of Assistants on an ad-hoc basis for the last one/two years. These officials have come within the zone of temporary promotions fixed by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms and are now eligible for promotion on long-term basis. Necessary formalities: namely, de-reservation of vacancies as necessary and assessment by Departmental Promotion Committee are being completed to appoint them on long-term basis.

(d) and (e). The position of vacancies reported to Union Public Service Commission for nominating Direct Recruit Assistants and the number of candidates who actually joined is given below:—

Year of Exam.	Vacancies reported	Actually joined
1979	8	5
1980	6	4
1981	3	Nominations not received so far
1982	10	Do.