

(c) if not, whether any such plan would be drawn up and the likely date by which it would be drawn up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The following action has been taken :

(i) Action-oriented research in eco-development has been started in all the Himalayan Universities since 1981-82.

(ii) An institute for Himalayan Environment and Development is being set up near Almora to study the problems and evolve an Action Strategy for achieving ecological balance in the region.

**Setting up of Cement Plants in J & K, Punjab, H.P., Haryana and Rajasthan**

2912. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the latest progress in the setting up of (i) cement factories and (ii) mini cement plants in the North Western States of (i) J & K, (ii) Punjab, (iii) Himachal Pradesh, (iv) Haryana, and (v) Rajasthan;

(b) whether any time bound plan has been drawn up to exploit the rich lime stone deposits in these States by setting up the cement factories and mini cement plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether such a plan would be drawn up and the likely date by which it would be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) to (d) Government have been following a liberal policy in regard to setting up of

cement factories (both large and mini cement plants) to exploit the limestone deposits in the country; and in pursuance of this policy, a capacity of 35.95 million tonnes has already been installed and an additional capacity of 42.64 million tonnes have been approved for installation by way of grant of industrial licences, letters of intent and registration with Directorate General of Technical Development. The Sixth Five Year Plan document envisages installation of 43 million tonnes capacity by the end of Sixth Five Year Plan period.

Present installed capacity in these North Western States is 5.27 million tonnes and an additional capacity of 7.72 million tonnes is under various stages of implementation.

#### **Shut Down of the Unit of Tarapur Atomic Power Station**

2913. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the unit at the Tarapur Atomic Power Station was shut down since June for repairs in the reactor recirculating pumps;

(b) if so, to what extent this unit was shut down and total loss suffered due to this; and

(c) to what extent the unit has been repaired and by what time it will operate again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c) Unit-II of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station was shut down between July 25, 1983 and August 3, 1983 for refurbishment of mechanical seal of one of its recirculation pumps. Unit-I was operating throughout this period.