

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) Preliminary theoretical studies indicate that the potential of power generation through Ocean thermal energy conversion and wave energy in India could be of the order of 50,000 MW and 60,000 MW respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Reclamation of Land by Dandakaranya Development Authority for Resettlement of Landless Tribals

3446. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in the reclamation of land and resettlement of landless tribals thereon by the Dandakaranya Development Authority in the Malkangiri sub-Division of Koraput District in Orissa;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by the Dandakaranya Development Authority in this behalf so far ;

(c) whether any plan has been chalked out to intensify the agricultural extension activities of the Dandakaranya Development Authority project to the neighbouring tribal villages in Koraput District and to adopt a few tribal villages in the vicinity of settlement areas on a selective basis for providing such extension services to obviate alienation of the neighbouring tribals; and

(d) if so, the broad outline thereof and the tribal villages thus selected and the progress made in this behalf so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR) : (a) 13,613 acres of land have been reclaimed and 2,010 families resettled so far.

(a) Rs. 32.67 Lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(d) Agricultural extension services e.g. crop plan, technical know-how for seed treatment, line sowing in uplands, timely weeding and inter-cultural operations, plant protection measures, compost making and use of organic manures, farm demonstrations etc., are proposed to be introduced in 10 selected villages.

Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1984-85

3447. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1984-85 has been chalked out ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the various press circles thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) The Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1984-85 was announced on 21.7.1984.

(b) A copy of the Newsprint Allocation Policy-1984-85, is laid on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library See No. - LT 8597/84).

(c) Press reports indicate that the Presidents of All India Newspapers Editors' Conference and Indian Language Newspapers Association have expressed their apprehension that 'Medium' newspapers drawing newsprint above 300 M.T. will be adversely affected by the distribution ratio of 65:35 between indigenous and imported newsprint respectively. However, with increasing domestic production of newsprint, it is