

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) It is not proposed to provide Digital Electronic Exchanges in towns other than telephone districts, in the 6th Plan due to limited availability of electronic switching equipments. When adequate indigenous production of electronic switching equipment becomes available in the country in the 7th Plan, provision of such exchanges in District towns might be considered.

Setting up of Non-Conventional Energy Units in Rural Areas

1362. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL : Will the Minister of ENERGY
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sponsored a programme to set up non-conventional energy units in rural areas to help the village artisans, and also for irrigation;

(b) if so, how many such units are likely to be set up in Ahmadnagar (Maharashtra);

(c) whether any scheme has been drawn up in this connection, particularly energy produced through bio-gas, wind mills etc

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, when this will be done ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI
P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Ahmadnagar district, five wind-pumps and two solar photovoltaic pumps for lifting water have been installed; further, a solar water heating system and an institutional biogas plant are being established. Family type biogas plants and improved chullahs are also being set up. Discussions are in progress with the State Government regarding installation of additional non-conventional energy units in Maharashtra, including Ahmadnagar district.

(c) and (d) Schemes have been drawn up for large-scale installation of biogas plants, improved chullahs, solar cookers and other solar thermal energy devices. These schemes include provision of subsidies and other incentives, training, and post installation maintenance. Demonstration and field trial programmes are also underway for windpumps; solar photovoltaic systems for pumping, lighting, television and radio; community/institutional biogas plants; and energy plantations.

(e) Does not arise.

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1363. श्री विरादाराम फुलवारिया : क्या
संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जिला जालौर
(राजस्थान) के भीनमल में मंजूर 'डाकघर'
भवन का निर्माण कार्य स्थगित कर दिया गया है;
और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री विजय एन०
पाटिल) : (क) जालौर जिले के भीनमल में डाक-
घर की इमारत का निर्माण सातवीं पंचवर्षीय
योजना के लिए एक परियोजना है और इसका
निर्माण कार्य सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के प्रथम
वर्ष (1985-86) के दौरान प्रारम्भ किए जाने
की सम्भावना है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।