

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) The Government has no proposal under consideration to set up Regional Development Authorities for hilly, tribal and backward areas of the country under the direct control of the Prime Minister.

(b) Does not arise.

News-Report captioned "Back-Lash will Create Abundant Energy"

9529. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a statement of Dr. Gerhard Schwitt-Pink, a German Professor, which appeared in a local Daily dated the 11th April, 1974 under the heading 'Back-lash will create abundant energy' and in which it is stated that over-reaction to the present situation will lead to an over-abundance of energy; and

(b) if so, Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Energy planning in India is linked with the five-year plans. In the Fifth Plan, energy generation is being reoriented and is being based on development of indigenous fuel resources. While presently there appears to be no reason to hope for over abundance of energy or even abundance of energy in the foreseeable future, the energy programme being based on indigenous resources could be modified to suit the country's needs.

Statement by the Mizoram Chief Minister regarding the activities of Mizo Rebels

9530. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI TARUN GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mizoram Chief Minister had apprised the Central Leaders on 9th April, 1974 that the underground Mizos have stepped up their activities;

(b) if so, whether they have been seen armed with modern weapons; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN): (a) In a meeting with the Union Home Minister in the second week of April, 1974, Chief Minister, Mizoram apprised him of the situation in Mizoram in the context of the ambush on Lieutenant Governor, Mizoram on the 10th March, 1974.

(b) Prior to the emergence of Bangladesh, the Mizo underground had acquired large quantities of arms and ammunition from both Pakistan and China. However, there is no report of any recent sizeable accretion to their arms holding.

(c) The entire Union Territory of Mizoram has been declared as a "disturbed area" from the 1st March, 1974 for a period of six months. The Mizoram Administration have strengthened the administrative centres and arranged for additional police posts. Security measures and continuous vigilance are being maintained against the unlawful activities of the Mizo underground.