

atmospheric Sciences at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

6. *Monitoring and modelling of Pollution in the sea (Rs. 0.50 crore)*

Systematic monitoring of pollution regimes along the entire coast of India and Islands has been established, to keep a surveillance on the health of our coastal seas and to develop an understanding of the dynamics of the ecosystem on which our near-shore living resources depend.

7. *Sea level variations (Rs. 0.25 crore)*

A programme for establishing a net work of 9 state-of-the-art tide-gauge stations along our coast and Islands is now underway towards documenting sea level variations, if any, with high precision.

8. *Acquaculture: Action Plan for alleviating poverty (Rs. 0.60 crore)*

A projectized Action Plan on aquaculture, aimed at developing special assets of the coastal wetlands, is being implemented towards improving the quality of life in rural areas. A project on setting up of R & D cum Demonstration farm on culture of prawn in A & N Islands is being undertaken in this direction.

9. *An integrated Wave Energy generator-breakwater system to produce 2 MW of power (Rs. 1.00 crore)*

Utilizing the experience gained during the construction of a 150 KW wave generating unit to be installed shortly at Vizhijnjam (Trivandrum) the design of an integrated wave generating breakwater system consisting of a battery of 20 caissons (260m long) and capable of producing peak power of 2 MW has been completed for the proposed fishing harbour project at Thangessery, Kerala and sent to the Kerala Government

for their consideration.

**Conference on Quality of Worklife and productivity**

471. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Conference on Quality of Worklife and Productivity was inaugurated on 27 November, 1990;

(b) if so, the observations made in the conference; and

(c) the details of action taken for implementation of its observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Conference deliberated on a wide number of issues such as creation of a competitive environment, adoption of a holistic strategy, evolving appropriate schemes for workers, promotion of awareness of management etc. which impinge on the quality of worklife and productivity. The Seminar was attended by representatives of industry. In addition, the proceedings of such conferences are generally brought out in the form of publications by NPC for the use of benefit of concerned organisations/industries.

**Pricing of Tyres**

472. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether acting as a cartel, tyre manufacturing companies have thrust a whopping price hike on consumers in anticipation of an increase in input costs;

(b) whether such a pricing policy is in