

Setting up of wind turbines

*435. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up wind turbines in India on the pattern of California and if so, whether these have been found suitable for our country;

(b) the number of wind turbines proposed to be set up in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the cost involved therein;

(c) the capacity of these turbines in megawatts; and

(d) whether several private sector companies are manufacturing such turbines and if so, whether Government propose to give financial assistance to these companies with a view to encouraging them ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d) A statement is given below.

Statement

Three wind farms at Mandvi (1 MW) and Okha (550 KW) in Gujarat, and Tuticorin (550 KW) in Tamil Nadu, are already operational, and are feeding electricity to the concerned State grids. Two more wind farms of capacity 550 KW each, will be commissioned shortly in Deogarh in Maharashtra and Puri in Orissa.

Apart from expanding capacity at the projects already Commissioned, several more projects are being planned and the entire programme is proposed to be expanded substantially in the Seventh Plan. The number and capacity of projects will depend on the availability of financial resources.

Some companies are proposing to start manufacture shortly; financial incentives for non-conventional energy systems including wind generators will be available.

KVIC Schemes for Seventh Plan

*439. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new scheme is proposed to be taken up by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme; and

(c) the schemes contemplated for Maharashtra during the Seventh Five Year Plan by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :

(a) to (c) The KVI Programmes implemented by Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) are continuing programmes. During the Seventh Five Year Plan, KVIC propose to take up Intensive Area Development Project in 20 selected districts of the country. This programme aims to set up at least 2 New Model Charkha sets and 200 village industries units per block in these selected districts. Selection of districts will be based on criteria like drought proneness in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu, desert districts of Rajasthan, tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, backward districts of eastern U.P. and northern Bihar and hill areas in north eastern states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Apart from this, new scheme to manufacture Dipped Latex Products and Processing of Arecanut are also proposed to be taken up and implemented during Seventh Five Year Plan, for which pattern of assistance, etc. are yet to be finalised.

*[Translation]***Crisis in Small Salt Manufacturing Units**

*441. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 130 small salt manufacturing units in Kutch are facing serious crisis due to shortage of railway wagons to lift salt ;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has asked the Department of Railways to provide rail wagons to these units