

units, 21 lakhs improved chulhas, more than 1000 solar thermal systems, 3000 photo-voltaic powered street lights and 3.3 MW wind electric power, etc., have been installed. Today we are generating fuel-substitution by biogas equivalent to about Rs. 85 crores. The same amount of Rs. 85 crores worth of fertilisers we get; and improved chulhas save about Rs. 60 crores. Thus you will see that the investment that we are making in non-conventional energy sources is really economical and advantageous. We wish we had more resources for this.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

### Coal Reserves

\*101. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently struck a huge coal reserve in some States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken for its exploitation ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Geological Survey of India have estimated coal reserves of all categories of coal 2342.65 m.t. in five states during its Regional Exploration of coal in field season 1985-86 (upto 30-6-86). Statewise break-up of coal reserves in million tonnes is as under :

1. Orissa	925.00
2. Madhya Pradesh	936.50
3. West Bengal	586.31
4. Bihar	187.27
5. Andhra Pradesh	7.57
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Total	2342.65
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It has been planned to exploit the coal reserves by opening new mines to increase the production of coal from the level of 155 m.t. in the year 1985-86 to 226 m.t. in 1989-90 and 400 m.t. in two thousand A.D.

### Allocation of imported edible oils to Karnataka

\*102. SHRI H.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State of Karnataka has approached Union Government for allocation of imported edible oils for public distribution; and

(b) if so, the quantity issued to them so far ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Oil year 1985 86 (Nov., 85 to Oct., 86) Karnataka has been allocated 41,500 Mts. of Palmolein against which they have lifted 35,021 Mts. till 25-10-1986.

### Phased Decontrol of Cement

\*106. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested a phased decontrol of cement to end the existing policy of partial decontrol ; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Setting up of Ocean Thermal Plant in Lakshadweep Islands

\*107. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to State :