

question of the hon. Member. The hon. Member's second question is about the number of projects for 1988-89 and 1989-90. They are under the consideration of the Planning Commission. I know very well that for the existing industries, there is a power cut of 40% in Andhra Pradesh. How can they expect me to start new industries ?

[*Translation*]

SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Power shortage is a universal phenomenon. Power available with you should be utilised. The hon. Minister of Power is sitting here and he has all the powers.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is my second supplementary. In the meantime I have read that you want to establish industries in the backward areas. Do you have any such idea ? The Central Government should not stop its subsidy in the drought-affected areas. Are you realising that by not giving the subsidy in such areas which are drought stricken the people are very much suffering ? If you will stop the subsidy, then the industries will come to a stop there. You should at least give it in the drought-affected areas. Will you please tell clearly about this if you are going to do so ?

[*English*]

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO : For the backward areas, the subsidy will be continued till the end of January 1988. Meanwhile, we are finalizing the Baijal Committee report, to establish growth centres in various States. Then we will create the infrastructure, with all the facilities. Then, you will not get all the subsidies. But you will get the facilities.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Hollow Type Insulators by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

*352. **SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN :**
SHRI P. M. SAYBED :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has successfully developed hollow type insulators for 400 KV, the highest system voltage in the country, which were being imported so far ;

(b) whether the quality and performance efficiency of the insulators developed by the BHEL is upto international standards ;

(c) whether the BHEL will be in a position to meet the entire demand of such insulators ; and

(d) the expected savings of foreign exchange as a result of manufacture of those insulators ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Proto-type has been tested.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Initially the annual saving in foreign exchange would be about Rs. 35 lakh, which would progressively increase to Rs. 200 lakh in the near future.

Expenditure for Non-Conventional Energy Development

*356. **CH. RAM PRAKASH :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on non-conventional energy development so far during the Seventh Plan ;

(b) the remaining amount in the allocation for the Seventh Plan for this purpose ; and

(c) what tangible benefits to common people have accrued with so much expenditure incurred for the non-conventional energy sources ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) An expenditure of Rs. 242.83 crores is reported to have been incurred against an allocation of Rs. 244.35 crores in the Central sector

during the first 2 years of the 7th Plan i.e. 1985-86 and 1986-87 on the programmes of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. An allocation of Rs. 100 crores has been made for these programmes in the Central sector for the year 1987-88. A total allocation of Rs. 412.35 crores had been made for the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for the 7th Plan.

As per information received, an expenditure of Rs. 33.78 crores has been incurred against an allocation of Rs. 31.28 crores in the State sector during the first two years of the 7th Plan i.e. 1985-86 and 1986-87 on the programmes of non-conventional energy sources. An allocation of Rs. 22.34 crores has been made for these programmes in the State sector for the year 1987-88. A total provision of Rs. 107.20 crores has been made for the non-conventional energy sources in the State sector during the 7th Plan

An expenditure of Rs. 0.77 crores has been reported for the development of non-conventional energy sources for the North Eastern Council during the first two years of the 7th Plan i.e. 1985-86 and 1986-87. An allocation of Rs. 0.65 crores has been made for the North Eastern Council for this purpose during the year 1987-88. A total provision of Rs. 2 crores has been made for the development of non-conventional energy programmes including integrated rural energy programmes etc. for the North Eastern Council for the 7th Plan.

Keeping in view the expenditure already incurred in the first two years for these programmes in Central sector, State sector and the North Eastern Council and taking into consideration that the allocations made during 1987-88 would be fully utilised during the year by them, there is likely to be a balance of Rs. 69.52 crores in the Central sector, Rs. 51.08 crores in the State sector and Rs. 0.58 crores for the North Eastern Council for the last two years of the 7th Five Year Plan.

(c) In relatively a short period of about years since the extension programmes in the area of non-conventional energy sources were taken up, over 30 lakh house-holders have been benefitted by the

installation of improved chulhas, thereby saving valuable fuelwood, reducing women's drudgery, improving their health by the smokeless chulhas and also contributing towards improvement of the environment. These chulhas have made homes in over 10,000 villages smokeless and there has been a significant saving of fuelwood. In addition, more than 8.7 lakhs family size biogas plants have been installed so far. They have also helped the householders to save fuelwood and the generation of significant quantity of organic manure of much beneficial value. Installation of solar thermal systems covering over 70,000 square metres has helped providing heat energy requirements both in the industrial and domestic sector. Over 90,000 Solar Cookers have been sold. Solar Photovoltaic street lighting units have been provided to 1400 villages in addition 200 community lighting and T.V. Systems have been installed. Under the Wind Energy programme, more than 1800 Wind Pumps have been installed. Installation of 5 Wind farms in four different states of the capacity of 1.63 MW has helped to feed over 8 million units of electricity to their respective.

As most of these programmes are primarily for the rural population, majority of whom are commoners and poor men, it would be seen that the common man has already received tangible benefits from these programmes.

Benami Liaison Companies having dealings with ONGC.

*361. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :
DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports to the effect that family members or close relations of the ONGC officials are running "benami" liaison companies or are working with companies having dealings with the ONGC to the detriment of the interests of the ONGC ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken thereon ?