

**Construction of Kaiga Atomic Power Plant**

\*439. DR. V. VENKATESH :  
SHRI H.B. PATIL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that construction of Kaiga Atomic Power Plant will destroy the last remains of dense and natural tropical forests in this country; and

(b) if so, the reasons for choosing such site for atomic power plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Construction of the Kaiga Atomic Power Station does not involve destruction of dense tropical forest. Impact on forest land is one of the important criteria for selection of site for setting up atomic power stations. Other criteria including site geology, general hydrology, water availability, evacuation of power, environmental factors like density of population, agriculture, live stock data, meteorological factors, seismic conditions transportation problems etc. are taken into consideration for selection of sites to locate atomic power stations. At Kaiga degraded forest land has been identified for location of the atomic power station. In addition compensatory afforestation will be taken up in the private reserve lands that would be acquired as part of the security zone around the atomic power station.

**Modernisation of Ordnance Corps**

\*440. SHRI S.M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ordnance Corps of the Army is being computerised under a time-bound programme; and

(b) the other measures proposed to introduce high technology and to modernise the Army Ordnance Corps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) It is proposed to computerise the Ordnance Depots, in a phased manner.

(b) As a result of computerisation, it is expected, *inter alia* of optimise inventory holdings, achieve speedier distribution of stores, effect cost savings, and exercise better supervision by means of improved management information systems.

It is also intended to modernise existing systems for purchase, accounting, storage and distribution of material and to streamline procedures.

Other measures proposed to be undertaken to modernise the Army Ordnance include : increasing the use of material handling equipment, the introduction of system-based depots, and the building of additional store-houses.

**Survey Regarding Backwardness in the Country**

\*441. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for conducting a survey to find out the reasons for backwardness in each State in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

**Air Pollution and Dangers to National Monuments**

\*442. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have advised the States/Union Territories