

Centre for Energy Conservation

*180. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up a Centre for Energy Conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how this centre will achieve the desired goal of energy conservation; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent on the energy conservation centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) and (b). Government propose to set up an Energy Management Centre at Nagpur with the main objective of promoting energy management techniques including energy conservation.

(c) The centre will achieve the objective of energy conservation through training energy Managers, exchange of research results on energy management, energy audit of Industries through energy buses, development of energy saving equipments, development of database on energy management technology upgradation and through energy management policy measures.

(d) According to rough estimates, the expenditure on the Centre is likely to range between Rs. 3 to 4 crores during the first three years.

Drilling for Oil and Gas in Cochin High

*181. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether drilling work for finding oil and gas is going on in Cochin High;

(b) if so, the number of drilling platforms working at present; and

(c) whether there is any indication of oil or gas in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. One rig is presently deployed at location CSP-1.

(c) No indication of oil and gas is available as yet.

Paper and Pulp Plants in Orissa

*182. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposals to set up some more paper and pulp plants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the places where these plants are to be set up; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite their setting up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Central Government have no proposal at present to set up paper or pulp mill in the Central Sector in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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1502. SHRI S.D. SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: