

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up manufacturing units under his Ministry in Kerala during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) The Ministry has set up a unit of Indian Telephone Industries at Palghat in Kerala. The unit is presently implementing a major expansion programme to manufacture Digital Trunk Automatic Exchanges, RAX, and PABX.

Employment to Persons whose Land has been acquired by ONGC

* 93. **SHRI G.I. PATEL :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oil and Natural Gas Commission give employment to at least one person from each family whose land has been acquired by them in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMADUTT) : (a) to (c). Oil and natural Gas Commission has been following the instructions of Government with regard to giving preference in employment to persons whose land has been acquired. In Gujarat during the last three years employment has been given to 59 such persons.

Rise in Price of Plastics

*495 **SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :** Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plastics will cost more in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, whether the price of different varieties of plastics such as low density poly-

ethylene, high density polyethylene, and PVC resin has shot up by over 50 per cent in the world market;

(c) whether the Indian Petrochemicals Limited and the State Trading Corporation are importing this material; and

(d) if so, from which country ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b). At present the domestic availability of plastics is not adequate to meet the indigenous demand in full and therefore the deficit is being met through imports. The international prices of plastics have gone up by more than 50 per cent during the last one year. The uptrend in international prices continues.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Brazil, France, Italy, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Yugoslavia.

Hydel Potential in Kerala

*499 **SHRI K. MOHANDAS :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total hydel potential in Kerala;

(b) how much has been exploited so far;

(c) whether there is any plan to tap this potential fully; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The total hydel potential in Kerala is estimated at about 2100 MW at 60 per cent load factor.

(b) The installed capacity in Kerala, at present, is about 1476 MW.

(c) and (d) . Hydel projects with a total capacity of about 511 MW are under imple-