

*339. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Poland during his visit to India in November 1982 had indicated that Poland will be ready to help India in establishing thermal power plants in India;

(b) if so, whether India has agreed and approached Poland for details in this regard;

(c) whether any Indian delegation visited Poland; and

(d) if so, whether any agreement has been made; and if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The Foreign Minister of Poland, during the visit to India, expressed Polish interest in the installation of a super thermal power station in India consisting of 4×210 MW 2×540 MW units on a turn-key basis.

(b) to (d). No, Sir.

सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन

* 340. श्री सज्जन कुमार : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देने की प्रथा बन्द कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके कारण क्या हैं और क्या सरकार को पता है कि इससे सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं को बहुत परेशानी हो रही है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं को प्राथमिकता के आधार

पर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देने की प्रथा पुनः आरम्भ करने का है और यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वि० न० गाडगिल) : (क) समाज जाने-माने प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति "विशेष" श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत रजिस्ट्रेशन कराने के पात्र होते हैं ।

(ख) और (ग). सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं पर भी प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों के रूप में "विशेष" श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत नाम रजिस्टर कराने पर विचार किया जा सकता है ।

Use of solar energy in India

*341. SHRI SHANTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) in what fields the solar energy is being used in India;

(b) what are the plans to diversify its uses in other fields and to increase its uses in the existing fields; and

(c) whether there is any plan for harnessing the other non-conventional sources of energy also, such as wind power?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) to (c). Solar energy is beginning to be used in India for a variety of applications. Among the devices which have reached or are nearing the stage of commercial scale utilisation are solar cookers, solar water heating systems and solar drying units. Systems for other applications such as water pumping, lighting, TV sets, etc. are presently being installed in various parts of the country for demonstration and field trial. Systems for other uses such as refrigeration, steam generation for industrial applications, power generation, etc. are under development. Programmes for the development and utilisation of