

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) and (b) The size of the power programme in the Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalized.

Recommendations made at the Conference of Chief Electoral Officers

\*346. SHRI B.V. DESAI :  
SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-day Conference of Chief Electoral Officers was held at New Delhi on 13 July, 1984 to discuss the various steps to be taken during the elections and also the forthcoming elections ;

(b) if so, whether a large number of recommendations including those relating to holding of simultaneous poll to Lok Sabha and State Assemblies were made ;

(c) the details of the recommendations made in the Conference ; and

(d) whether Government are considering these suggestions for implementation during the coming elections ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The Election Commission has informed that the various recommendations made at the Conference of the Chief Electoral Officers are being formulated and such of the recommendations as would require concurrence of the Central Government or legislation will be forwarded to the Government in due course.

(d) Government await proposals of the Commission.

Setting up of T.V. Centres in Bihar

\*347. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the districts of Bihar namely Nalanda, Nawada, Aurangabad, etc. have not yet been covered by television programmes;

(b) whether none of the television stations at Muzzaffarpur, Patna and Gaya cover these areas as all of them have very low power transmission stations; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to cover these areas also for television programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Nalanda, Nawada and parts of Aurangabad districts are expected to receive TV service from the 10 KW TV Transmitter under installation at Patna which will be commissioned by the end of the current year. With the implementation of the schemes in hand, by the end of 1984-85, TV service would extend to 31 districts of Bihar and cover about 75% population of the State.

Effect of Computers on Labourers

\*348. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether import of computers will adversely affect the welfare of the labourers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b) Certain guarantees to the effect that there will not be any retrenchment, any worker rendered surplus would be absorbed, there will not be any loss of earnings or wages, there will not be any adverse affect on conditions of work, etc, and that there would be adequate safeguards to protect the interest of workmen, have to be furnished by the applicants before permission for import of computers is considered. In view of these conditions, import of computers will not affect adversely the welfare of labourers.

#### Plan to Modify Power Units in Delhi

\*349. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :  
SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked out any plan to modify power units in Delhi; if so, the details thereof and the amount involved;

(b) when the work is likely to be started and how far it will help in increasing the power generation capacity; and

(c) whether Government will consider modifying other power plants in the country particularly in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) and (b) DESU has prepared schemes for the renovation of its generating plants at the Indraprastha and Rajghat power stations. The total estimated cost of these schemes is Rs 12.73 crores. Work on the renovation programme has already commenced in 1983-84 and is expected to be completed in 1985-86. An additional generation of 490 MU per year is expected after the programme has been implemented.

(c) A Centrally sponsored scheme for renovation and modernisation of about 36 thermal power stations in the country, costing about Rs. 500 crores spread over three years, has been approved by Government. Dhuvaran, Gandhi Nagar and Ukai thermal power stations of Gujarat Electricity Board are also included for renovation in the scheme.

#### Films selected for Films Festival to be Held at Tashkent

\*350. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian films are very popular in the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, whether some delegation visited India for selection of Indian films to be exhibited at the filme festival to be held at Tashkent in the near future

(c) if so, the number and titles of Indian films selected by the visiting delegation; and

(d) the names of Indian Film Stars Directors/Producers etc. who have been invited by the visiting delegates at the film festival ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H K L. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Russian delegation visited India for selection of Indian films to be exhibited at the Tashkent Film Festival which was scheduled to be held from 23rd May to 2nd June, 1984.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.