

(d) District-wise details of students are not furnished by the State. Proposals are received from the States in a consolidated manner. Community-wise details of scholarships released to Madhya Pradesh are also available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Encroachment on wakf properties

1152. SHRI AHMAD SAEED MALIHABADI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that wakf properties under the possession of Central Government have been allegedly encroached;
- (b) if so, the details of the area of the encroached property and the value thereof;
- (c) whether the properties have been restored to the concerned wakf boards; if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to remove the alleged encroachment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (d) Under Section 32 of the Wakf Act, 1995 (43 of 1995), general superintendence of wakf is vested with the State Wakf Boards, constituted by the respective State Governments. Under the Act, States have to conduct the survey of the wakf properties. Government of India have been impressing upon the States to complete the survey expeditiously and take appropriate action as per rules.

Electricity generation by mixing hot and cold air

1153. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a Canadian engineer, Mr. Lewis Mishand has succeeded producing electricity from artificially created storm in 200 meter wide and 100 meter high tunnel, by mixing hot and cold air;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cost of production of energy/electricity by this method would be less than from other non-conventional sources;
- (d) if so, whether our scientists/engineers studying the issue with a view to replicating it in our country; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of such concept developed by the Canadian Engineer namely Mr. Louis Michaud through the information available in the Internet.

(b) Mr. Louis Michaud has patented the process namely "Atmospheric Vortex Engine" which captures the energy produced, when heat is carried upward by convection in the atmosphere. This results formation of a tornado, which pulls more air. This movement of air is passed through a turbine to generate electricity.