

drawing his attention to the danger posed by missionary activity supported by people wielding influence in local administration, to the peace of the islands, as published in a letter to the Editor column of Light of 'Andamans' of 8-2-1982;

(b) whether any enquiry was made into the complaints that Shri Lapati's daughter was abducted by a Muslim group who were preying the Nicobar girls as hunting pounds and trying to convert their girls into Muslims;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) whether Government are taking any steps to protect the threatened tribes of Andaman and Nicobar against this danger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH):

(a) to (d) No such letter has been received in the recent past. However, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration have been asked to look into the matter and report the facts to Government so that the matter could be examined and necessary action taken.

Cheaper renewable Energy

2692. SHRI MULLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to make renewable energy cheaper and to bring it within the reach of the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN INGH): Under the research, development and demonstration programme taken up by Government, several devices and systems for the utilisation of new and renewable energy sources have been developed

in the country. Among the systems which have been commercialised or are nearing the stage of commercial production are biogas digesters and engines, solar water heating systems, solar timber kilns, solar drying units, solar cookers, solar stills, windmill pumps, etc. Research and development work is continuing towards improvements in efficiencies and reduction of costs.

Fiscal incentives have been introduced to promote industrial production of renewable energy devices and systems. Demonstration projects are being taken up on a countrywide basis to create awareness towards greater utilisation of the systems and devices and for field trials which would assist in the development programme. It is expected that with increase in volume of production and improvements in technology, the initial costs will further reduce; and, since the operating costs are negligible, renewable energy devices and systems would become economically viable increasingly for a larger range of users.

Annual plan outlay for Delhi

2693. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Annual Plan Outlay for Delhi for 1982-83 has been placed at Rs. 200 crores against total Sixth Plan Outlay of Rs. 800 crores and the current years' (1981-82) Outlay of Rs. 164 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the new projects proposed to be covered with the help of the additional outlay?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The size of Annual plan for 1982-83 has been fixed at Rs. 200 crores as against the Sixth Plan, 1980-85 outlay of Rs. 800 crores and the current year's (1981-82) outlay subsequently enhanced from Rs. 164 crores to Rs. 179.10 crores.