

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) 31 Scientific Officers and 3 Central Secretariat Service Officers are working on the same post for more than 5 years; one Scientific Officer is working on the same post for a period of more than 10 years. No officer in this Ministry is working on the same post for the last 15 years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is a Scientific Ministry and transfers are decided keeping in view the background and specialization of the various scientists and engineers in the Ministry. Transfer of officials is reviewed by the Ministry from time to time depending upon specific work requirements and introduction of new programmes/schemes.

Exhibition to create awareness of utility of non-conventional energy sources

1604. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications from some voluntary organizations to organize exhibitions outside Delhi to show the utility of non-conventional sources of energy;

(b) if so the details thereof and steps being taken to encourage such efforts on the part of NGOs;

(c) whether Government propose to take direct interest in ensuring that such awareness campaigns are organized;

(d) if not, whether it is also a fact that not a single exhibition has been organized outside Delhi; and

(e) the steps proposed to evolve a better policy for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy (MNES) has received applications from NGOs namely India-Tech Foundation Mumbai, Global

Foundation Mumbai, Wisitex Foundation, New Delhi etc. for participation of MNES by putting non-conventional energy pavilions in the trade fairs/events/exhibitions organized by the, MNES has provided financial support to concerned State Nodal Agencies (SNAs) for their participation in such trade fairs/events/exhibitions organized by the NGOs so that all displays and information could be provided to the visitors in regional languages.

(c) MNES invites proposals from all the SNAs every year and provide financial support for organizing such awareness campaigns/exhibition in their States. Besides 25 States have also procured Mobile Exhibition Vans equipped with the working models of non-conventional energy products/devices with the financial support provided by MNES.

(d) and (e) About 30 exhibitions on non-conventional energy have, so far, been organized since last year by different SNAs for which the Ministry has provided a financial support of about Rs. 32 lakh.

Loans of Financial Institutions to Dabhol Power Project

†1605. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dabhol Power Project was started with the loans and advanced by the financial institutions of the country;

(b) if so, the total amount spent so far by these institutions on the maintenance and running, along with the cost of construction of the project; and

(c) the percentage of the said amount of the total expenditure made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Dabhol Power Project was constructed using a mix of equity and loan funds. The equity was brought in by the sponsors viz. Enron, General Electric, Bechtel and the Maharashtra Power Development Corporation Limited (MPDCL). The loan