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15.	Manipur	1
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Nagaland	1
18.	Orissa	4
19.	Pondicherry	1
20.	Punjab	11
21.	Rajasthan	9
22.	Tamil Nadu	69
23.	Uttar Pradesh	135
24.	West Bengal	12
25.	More Than One State	2
26.	Othrr States/UTs	NIL
Total		501

[English]

**Power project in Nalgonda District of
Andhra Pradesh**

6573.DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Solarex, a US based Company, propose to set up a mini power plant with an estimated power generation capacity of 32 MW in Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total cost of expenditure involved therein; and

(e) the extent, to which the power is likely to be generated by this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) As per information received from the State Government, no such proposal has been received from the US-based company Solarex.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Solar Energy

6574.SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indian-Canadian engineer has invented a solar energy device that could help to provide clean and inexpensive power to energy-starved villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c) Prof. Anand Sharan of the Memorial University, New Foundland, Canada has developed a tracking system for use in solar photovoltaic power systems. The system can be used to move solar panels during the day so that they face the sun continuously. He has claimed that this enhances the energy output from the solar panels by about 35-40%. Such tracking systems use motors and electronic circuits and consume a part of the power generated from the solar panels.

At present simple manual tracking systems which consume no energy are already in use in India especially in solar photovoltaic (PV) water pumping systems. These tracking systems are capable of generating about 25-30% extra power compared to the fixed type solar panels. In general tracking systems are not considered very useful for small capacity PV lighting systems normally in use in rural areas.

Export of Steel Wares

6575.SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of Steel Wares exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the details of the countries identified for export of steel wares; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of steel wares during the current year and the Ninth plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The

total quantity of different types of iron ware including stainless steel utensils exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years is given below.

Year	Quantity in Kg. (F.E. equivalent in Rupees Crores)	
	Quantity	Value
1993-94	12063597	128.37
1994-95	14597855	162.61
1995-96	19595714	244.61
1996-97 (April-Feb.)	N.A.	275.41

Source : EEPC/DGCI&S

(b) The major markets for export of iron ware including Stainless utensils are Saudi Arabia, U.K., USA, Canada, Equador, Chile, Japan, Panama, UAE.

(c) Promotion of exports has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Measures taken to boost exports of engineering goods including Iron & Steel Wares consist of various incentives under the Export-Import Policy like Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Special Import Licence, Duty Drawback Scheme, exemption under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act and assistance from Market Development Fund. In addition, the Government through Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) has drawn up various promotional activities such as Buyer-Seller Meets, participation in trade fairs & exhibitions, setting up of information booths at International fairs, sending industry delegations to the thrust countries etc. to boost exports of goods from the engineering sector including steel wares.

Rate of Export Market Assistance for Jute Yarn

6576. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have substantially reduced the rate of export market assistance under its revised scheme for jute yarn;

(b) if so, whether the prospects of jute yarn exports from India are likely, to be jeopardised as the net assistance to Indian exporters is likely to be reduced to 1.5 per cent as compared to 10% available to its competitors in Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the competitiveness of Indian jute yarn exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) According to the modified Export Market Assistance (EMA) Scheme applicable w.e.f. 1.4.1997 the rates of EMA on export of various items have been fixed after taking into consideration various relevant factors. In the case of export of yarn the rate of assistance has been reduced from 10% to 5%. In addition to EMA, there are other export promotional measures which are undertaken to promote the export of various jute products including jute yarn. These inter alia include participation with trade participants in international fairs, organising Buyer-Seller Meets, Workshops, Sponsoring overseas delegations-Markets Exploratory Missions etc. in order to generate demand, create awareness and explore new markets.

Visit of D.D.G., W.T.O.

6577. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Deputy Director General of World Trade Organisation during his visit to New Delhi had indicated that India would have to take a further leap in liberalisation of economy to realise its objective of 7% growth in GDP in the coming years;

(b) if so, the steps towards further liberalisation of economy were suggested by him; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir. This was mentioned by Mr. Chulsu Kim, Deputy Director General, World Trade Organisation during his address in New Delhi at the Asia Society's 8th Annual Corporate Conference in March, 1997.

(b) The steps suggested, inter-alia, were further liberalisation of foreign investment regime and further opening of trade regimes by elimination of quantitative restrictions in the consumer goods sectors.

(c) Foreign Direct Investment policy is reviewed from time to time with a view to boost foreign direct investment into the country and to make it more dynamic and investor friendly.

As regards elimination of quantitative restrictions, the WTO Committee on Balance of Payments Restrictions will