

Research reactors and computers in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

3410. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister for ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Research Reactors and Computers in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to expand this Centre?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) There are at present four Research Reactors and one reactor under construction. There are two Computers used as such and eight computers which are used as part of other equipments.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to expand this Centre further.

Radio Stations in Andhra Pradesh

3411. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Radio Stations in Andhra Pradesh State; and

(b) whether these stations are having their own buildings?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) All India Radio has four stations in Andhra Pradesh. These are at Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam and Cuddapah.

(b) At Hyderabad and Vijayawada all technical installations are housed in buildings owned by All India Radio. At Vishakhapatnam and Cuddapah, the transmitters and the receiving centres are located in buildings owned by All India Radio, but the interim studio facilities are provided in rented buildings.

A section of the administrative offices at Hyderabad and the entire office set up at the other three centres are presently housed in rented accommodation.

Uniform Tariff Rates for Electricity in Southern States

3412. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are uniform tariff rates for electricity in Southern States; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to formulate uniform tariff rates for electricity in the above States?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the State Electricity Boards are empowered to frame their own tariffs for the supply of electricity in such a manner as to meet their financial obligations. Differences in tariff rates mainly arise due to variations in the cost of electricity which is dependent, among other factors, on the source of supply i.e. thermal, hydro or nuclear, the capital cost and the cost of fuel in respect of thermal stations. The extent of transmission and distribution system required to carry the power to the load centres in the various States is also a factor which determines the tariff rates.

Electrifications of Villages

3413. SHRI DHARAM SINHBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages in Gujarat have not been electrified so far for domestic as well as agricultural purposes; and

(b) if so, action proposed to be taken by Central Government in this regard?