

(b) whether a sum of Rs. 12,000 crores is proposed to be allotted out of it for providing employment to three crores of families in rural areas by allotting degraded forest lands for raising fruit bearing trees; and

(c) if so, the amount likely to be allotted to Andhra Pradesh therefrom and the number of rural families likely to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) As per the Eighth Five Year Plan document, the Central outlay for the rural development for Eighth Five Year Plan is Rs. 30, 000 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Investment for MW for New Nuclear Plant

1297. SHRI GUMAN MALLODHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost for new nuclear Plant per MW for its rated capacity;

(b) the cost of network required for transmission per MW; and

(c) the investment per MW at point of use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The estimated capital cost of new nuclear power plant is about Rs. 3.3 crores per MWe at 1992 constant rupee value without including escalation and interest during construction.

(b) and (c). It is difficult to provide precise figures regarding the capital cost for

a transmission network and investment per mega watt at the point of use because they depend on a number of factors such as nature of transmission like AC or DC, the voltage of transmission, the distance and terrain over which it is transmitted, the system of distribution etc.

Crisis in Honey-Bee Industry

1298. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Honey-bee Industry in Kerala and Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu is facing crisis;

(b) the number of families affected as a result thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide them with alternative employment; and

(d) the schemes proposed to save the honey-bee industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Due to SAC Broad Virus disease beekeeping industry in Kerala and Kanyakumari Districts of Tamil Nadu is severely; affected.

(b) According to KVIC sources 29, 252 beekeepers with 2, 42, 541 colonies are affected. The KVIC has no knowledge about the other families not covered under KVIC fold affected by the disease in these areas.

(c) The KVIC has taken up revitalisation programme by allotting Rs. 2 crores and has already sanctioned Rs. 50 lakhs as adhoc grant to rehabilitate beekeepers in Kerala and Kanyakumari Districts in Tamil Nadu. The Sub-Committee has also been formed by the KVIC to assess the losses caused by