

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The draft Seventh Five Year Plan for non-conventional energy sources inter-alia provides for energy plantations of 1.5 million hectares of sub-standard soil or waste land where no agricultural farming is done at present. The programme is proposed to be implemented through State Government, Public Corporations and similar agencies. Suitable sites for the energy plantations will be identified by the State Governments and other competent agencies. The Seventh Plan is not yet finalised.

Resources gap

4336. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO :

SHRI V. TULSIRAM :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that resources gap of Rs. 33,000 crores is likely to widen further with additional DA instalment expenditure as a result of the pay commission's report, and likely increase on Defence Expenditure etc.; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). The draft Seventh Five Year Plan is under finalisation. Therefore, it is premature to say anything definitely about the final resources position of the Seventh Plan. However, the impact of any additional liability arising on account of the Pay Commission's Report or increase in defence expenditure is not expected to affect the resources to be mobilised for the Plan.

Helicopter service for tourists visiting Kerala

4337. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the most beautiful Idukki wild life sanctuary, like Devikkulam, Anamalai Tar Sanctuary, Kovalam beach, Malampuzha Gardens, Ponmudi hill stations, are located in Kerala; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to start Helicopter service for tourists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

Vayudoot service to Kakinada

4338. SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA THOTA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from the people of Kakinada for connecting this place by Vayudoot service atleast by extending the existing Vayudoot service from Rajahmundry; and

(b) if so, reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). No such request has been received in the recent past. Vayudoot, at present, has no plans for the present to provide an airlink to Kakinada.

Approval of Draft Seventh Plan

4339. SHRI V. TULSIRAM :
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state ;