

applications and 300-400 KW for power generation. Small scale power is also being generated for water pumping and slurry mixing in over 100 large sized biogas plants.

Large scale power generation from renewable sources is now feasible if sufficient financial resources can be allocated.

Payment of claims of Bhopal Gas Victims

2201. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bhopal gas victims in respect of whom claims for compensation has been filed so far;

(b) the method adopted for the settlement of claims; and

(c) what decision has been taken to make the payment of the claimants?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that the number of claims filed by gas victims for personal injury is 6,06,024.

(b) and (c). Certain related issues being still sub-judice, it has not been possible to take up processing of claims.

Insurance cover to company depositors

2202. SHRIM.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to protect the company depositors with necessary insurance covers so that in the event of failure of the companies to repay the deposit amount, the interest of depositors is protected; and

(b) if so, the details of modalities worked out by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Government have not taken any decision for providing Insurance Cover to Company deposits in the event of failure to re-pay matured deposits by companies.

Publication of Newspapers and Magazines in Tamil Nadu

2204. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers and magazines printed and published by various party organs in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the number of copies of each of those newspapers, magazines, etc. in circulation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b). Four newspapers/periodicals owned by political parties/organisations are registered with the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India. Of them, only one daily, "Theekkathir" (Tamil) had submitted its annual return for 1988 giving its average circulation as 9,840 copies per publishing day.

Allocation for Development of Tourism in Kerala

2206. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN:
SHRI K. MOHANDAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: