

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Himachal Pradesh	363	—	—	91.46	—	—	—	—	8.54
Jammu & Kashmir	151	—	—	15.23	—	—	—	—	84.77
Others	799	—	—	—	3.38	1.38	0.75	—	94.49

(Figures rounded)

#### GEO-Thermal Energy

6555. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES pleased be refer to the reply given to SQ No. 13 dated November 20 1996 and state :

(a) whether the Government propose to drill to a depth of 1.5 to 2.00 km enabling generating electricity from Geo-thermal energy in Puga in Ladakh;

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to invite foreign experts especially from China or Italy from producing electricity from Geo-thermal sources in similar topography and climatic conditions as that of Ladakh or advise our Scientists to buy technology in this field; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) No drilling is proposed for producing electricity in Puga in Ladakh. Drilling work was undertaken in 1973 by Geological Survey of India and by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. However, the drilling could not be completed due to lack of proper equipment, hard and abrasive nature of rock encountered during drilling and inadequate infrastructure.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to invite foreign experts or buy technology in this field. The Indian Scientists are, however, interacting with scientists/institutes working in the field of geothermal energy in other countries.

[Translation]

#### Textile Research Fund

6556. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Textiles Research Fund for the modernisation of textiles industry, and for improving the quality of textile items.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said Fund is likely to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by the Textiles Research Organisation for improving the quality of textile items including the cotton thread for making them more competitive in international market ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) and (c) There is no proposal to set up a Textile Research Fund. However, it is proposed to create a Technology Upgradation Fund for the textiles and Jute Industries. Details are being worked out.

(d) Textile Research Associations have been carrying out research with a view, inter alia, to improving the quality of textile items, ranging from fibres to fabrics as also of textile machinery.

[English]

#### Export of Technology

6557. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether our country is involved in the export of technology; and

(b) if so, the details of technology exported during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) As per the merchandise trade data released by DGCI&S, no specific details of export of technology from the country are available since the technologies are generally exported through any one or a combination of the following modes :

(i) Export of Know-how

(ii) Export of Designs & Drawings

(iii) Setting up of Joint Ventures in the host country.