

**Harnessing of Wind Energy in Gujarat**

1924. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent experiment to produce power with wind mills in Gujarat has proved successful;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to use this method in some other parts of the country; and

(c) the names of other non-conventional sources of energy being used at present for generating power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The total wind power capacity established in the country stands at 34 MW. This includes 12 wind farm demonstration projects of aggregate capacity 31.4 MW set up in 7 States, including Gujarat. The cumulative generation from the wind farm projects has reached 6.1 crore units. The total installed capacity in Gujarat is 14 MW and about 2 crore units have been fed to the State Grid. The demonstration projects have shown that wind power generation is viable, takes a short time to install and commission, and can supplement conventional power.

(c) Demonstration projects based on solar photovoltaics and biomass energy conversion are under implementation for decentralised power generation, in different parts of the country. Experimental Power plants based on solar thermal energy and agricultural wastes have also been taken up.

[*Translation*]

**Railway Line From Guwahati to Tinsukhia**

1925. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands had been made for the construction of broad-gauge rail line from Guwahati to Tinsukhia;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments in hand, the Planning Commission has not agreed to take up this project at present.

[*English*]

**Ghaziabad Rail Terminal**

1926. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Ghaziabad a rail terminal; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Setting up of a Thermal Power Station at Katihar in Bihar**

1927. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: