

FATMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the consumption of petrol has increased and new vehicles have been purchased by Delhi Telephones against the instructions issued by the Government to reduce the consumption of petrol and banning the purchase of new vehicles; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no increase in the consumption of petrol in MTNL during 1991-92 as compared to the consumption of last year i.e. 1990-91.

No additional vehicle has been purchased in MTNL since the imposition of ban in this regard.

Only a few old and scrapped vehicles have been replaced with new vehicles as these vehicles have outlived their prescribed life and found uneconomical to keep it on road.

[English]

World Bank Assistance for Tubewells in Haryanath

5177. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tubewells set up in Haryana with the World Bank assistance;

(b) the number of tubewells, out of them which are not functioning;

(c) the time by which these are likely to become operational; and

(d) the number of tubewells proposed to be set up in the State during 1992-93 with the World Bank Assistance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN

SHUKLA): (a) The total number of Tubewells set up in Haryana with World Bank assistance under Haryana Irrigation Project Phase-I and Phase-II is 336.

(b) Of the above, 275 tubewells are not functioning.

(c) The operation of 251 tubewells lying along Bhakra Canal System is linked to completion of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal and the remaining 24 tubewells are scheduled to be energised shortly.

(d) There is no proposal to set up tubewells in Haryana with World Bank assistance during 1992-93.

[Translation]

Air Links between Rajkot and Bombay

5178. SHRI AVATAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link Rajkot with Bombay by daily Vayudoot services; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Vayudoot is already operating six days a week services on the route Bombay-Kandia-Rajkot-Bombay. For commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to set up the frequency of operations to Rajkot..

[English]

Research Centres for NCES

5179. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage non-conventional energy