

considering to encourage asbestos mining industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the asbestos fibre is being imported, if so, the total tonnage of import and its value during each of the last three years; and

(d) the number of existing asbestos mining units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The details of imports of asbestos during the year 1988-89 to 1990-91 are as under:-

Year	Asbestos		Fibre Raw	
	Qty. (Tonne)	Value (Rs. '000)	Qty. (Tonne)	Value (Rs. '000)
1988-89	101,345	63,57,35	99,777	62,45,37
1989-90	NA	NA	NA	NA
1990-91 (Prov.)	77,885	72,45,76	77,234	71,83,16

(d) There were 73 reporting asbestos mines during the year 1990-91.

Setting up of River Board

6190. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a river Board for connecting the major rivers of the country in order to solve the problem of flood and drought to a great extent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN

SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the National Water Development Agency has been set up in 1982. It has *inter-alia* taken up studies for connecting the major rivers in the peninsular and Himalayan region for transfer of waters from the surplus basins to deficit basins. This will help alleviate the problem of flood and drought to a great extent by integrated development of water resources of the country.

[Translation]

Air Service between Bombay and Khajuraho

6191. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce an air service from Bombay to Khajuraho;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

said period State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

(b) the total amount allocated by the Union Government under the said Yojana during each of the last three years; and

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Indian Airlines has announced operation of a thrice weekly B-737 service on **Bombay** — **Aurangabad—Bhopal—Khajuraho** sector with effect from 1st November, 1992.

(c) the district-wise details of the amount spent out of the said allocations during each of the last three years?

[*English*]

Jaldhara Yojana

6192. **SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA:**
SHRI LALIT ORAON:
SHR RAMDEW RAM:

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Jaldhara Scheme was a one time measure initiated by the Government in 1988-89 to provide pumpsets to marginal farmers in identified Drought Prone Areas of 13 States. An amount of Rs. 23 crores was provided and a target of 50,000 pumpset was fixed under the scheme against which 9320 pumpsets were provided under this scheme during 1989-90 and 1990-91. The state-wise achievement and utilisation of fund is given in the statement below. The unspent amount has been refunded to the Govt. of India. The scheme is no more in operation.

Will the Minister of **POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES** be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for digging wells under 'Jaldhara Yojana' during the last 3 years and the target achieved during the

STATEMENT

Grant disbursed under Jaldhara programme during the last 3 years 1988-89 to 90-91

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Pumpsets energised</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	235.615	5610
2.	Madhya Pradesh	2.916	81
3.	Orissa	142.554	3099
4.	Rajasthan	24.380	530
		45.465	9320