

(b) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking proposes to receive electricity from Bihar for Delhi, in the coming months; and

(c) if so, the rationale behind supplying electricity from a most deficit State to comparatively better region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):

(a) The power deficit in Bihar during April-June, 1989 was 10.8% as against the All India deficit of 8.9%.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Tourism Development Authority

157. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any suggestion for setting up a separate Tourism Development Authority for the integrated development of tourism in the areas adjoining the Himalayan ranges in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up such an Authority; and

(c) if not, the alternate steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) For the integrated development of

tourism in the areas adjoining the Himalayan ranges, the Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for various projects/schemes in consultation with the concerned State Government subject to merit of the scheme, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. For informal consultation and co-ordination between Himalayan States the Department has constituted Himalayan Tourism Advisory Board.

Helicopter Service to Tourist Places of U.P.

158. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link some tourist places of Uttar Pradesh with helicopter services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these places will be linked with helicopter services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Loss Suffered by Indian Airlines due to Bird Hits

159. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft of Indian Airlines damaged due to bird hits during the last six months and the total number of flights cancelled or otherwise affected as a result thereof;

(b) whether any evaluation of loss has been made in this regard; and