

<i>Sl No</i>	<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Agreement date</i>	<i>Allocation in million Dutch guilders</i>
(iii)	Trainign Component of National Water Management Project	4 10 89	7 800
(iv)	Training Course in Water Management	18 8 89	5 588
(v)	Tungabhadra Irrigation Project	13 12 85	1 477
(vi)	Tungabhadra Chak Water Management Rewsearch Project	10 8 89	2 300
(vii)	Saline Lands Reclamation Programme in Maharashtra Kharlands Development Project (Ph II)	12 3 92	3 500

(d) The project involves construction of 750 new tubewells, modernisation of 125 old standard tubewells and improvement of 2000 old standard tubewells and connecting them to dedicated feeders. Against the estimated revised project cost of Rs 139 crores, Expenditure upto December '91 amounts to Rs 91.75 crores. Uptil December '91, against a target of 75,000 Ha. for creating irrigation potential, the achievement was 44,700 Ha.

Expansion of Air Stations in U.P.

6188 SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government for the expansion of more stations of All India Radio,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the proposed construction of such AIR Stations in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS)

(a) to (c) The Plan schemes of AIR are formulated taking into consideration the requirements of radio coverage in the respective States. While requests from the State Governments are received from time to time for extension of radio coverage in their respective States, no detailed proposals are called for from the State Governments for formulation of Plans for AIR.

Import of Asbestos Fibre

6189 SHRI A PRATAP SAI Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government are

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	Total	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;