

Telephone Connections to the Employees of Telecom

8895. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide telephone facility to their employees like concessions granted to Railway employees and IAC/Air India; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The employees of the Department of Telecommunications, who retire from service and have been drawing a basic pay of Rs. 3,000/- per month or more for at least one year, prior to their retirement, are eligible for registration of their demand for a telephone connection under Non-OYT-SS category which is a priority category. The applicants entitled for this category are registered without payment of advance/ security deposit. The installation charges are payable only if actual installation work is involved.

Indira Gandhi National Plying Academy

8896. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been noticed in the financial transactions, purchases, appointments, grant of allowances by the Indira Gandhi National Flying Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken against those found outlay; and

(c) the details of the measures proposed to be taken to streamline the working of the Academy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The Accounts of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy were audited by the statutory auditors appointed by the Governing Council of the Academy. The Audit Report did not reveal any irregularity. However, certain complaints about the improper functioning of the Academy alleging financial impropriety and misuse of administrative powers have been received. The complaints were enquired into and necessary instructions have been received. The complaints were enquired into and necessary instructions have been issued to the Director, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy for improving the functioning of the Academy.

Irrigation Project under Construction

8897. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of major irrigation projects are presently under construction in the country including four non-planned projects of the Cauvery basin in Karnataka which have spilled over from the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, the estimated spill over cost of these projects;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any targets for the completion of all these projects during the Eighth Plan period; and

(d) if so, the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on their completion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir 172 major projects including 4 non plan projects of Cauvery basin in Karnataka have spilled over from VIII Plan period.

(b) Estimated spillover cost of these projects from the VII Plan is Rs. 32921 crores.

(c) and (d). The VIII Plan proposals have not been finalised. However, the strategy for the VIII Plan envisages strict prioritisation of funding for completion of on-going projects.

[Translation]

Film Festivals In State Capitals

8898. SHRIMATI SHEELA GUATAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

organise film festival in the capitals of all the States every year;

(b) if so, the names of the States where film festivals had been organised during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) National Film Development Corporation Limited, a Government of India Enterprise, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, conducts Indian Panorama Film Festivals at various Centres in the country every year. International Film Festival of India is organized every year by the Directorate of Film Festivals in major film producing centres of the country. Also, foreign film Weeks are conducted every year in different parts of the country under Cultural Exchange Programmes.

(b) and (c). The information is given in the attached statement.