

**Leasing of a Transponder on
ASIASAT**

3830. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEE-
HARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR
PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the talks for leasing a transponder on Asiasat I Satellite scheduled for May 1992 were postponed indefinitely:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor: and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to secure the transponder facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRIJA VYAS). (a) to (c). The proposed visit of delegation to Hong Kong in May, 1992 to explore the possibility of obtaining a transponder on Asiasat did not materialise since M/s. Asia Satellite Telecommunications Co.Ltd. sought a re-scheduling of the visit. M/s. Asia Satellite Telecommunication Co. Ltd. have now requested for fresh dates for the visit.

[Translation]

Air Links to South Korea

3831. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreement with South Korea to introduce new air services between the two countries.

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) by when the air services are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The agreement provides that the designated airlines of both contracting parties can operate two weekly services on the specified routes.

(c) No firm date has been finalised as yet.

Tourist Projects of Uttar Pradesh

3832. DR. LAL BAHADUR
RAWAL:
SHRI RAJENDRA
KUMAR SHARMA:

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

(a) the details of tourism projects of Uttar Pradesh pending with the Union Government for approval.

(b) the time by which these are likely to be cleared;

(c) the total financial assistance provided/proposed to be provided during 1992-93 and the Eighth Plan for the purpose;

(d) whether the Union Government have received any project from the State for development of Garhwal and Kumaon as tourist centres: and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). The State Government have submitted proposals for the development of tourism infrastructure on the Badrinath-Kedarnath pilgrim circuit. The proposals are under consideration.

Further financial assistance to the