

Tamil Nadu for extending T.V. coverage; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) All the districts of Tamil Nadu are, at present, getting TV service either wholly or partially. An estimated 89.5% of the area and 89.2% of the population of the State is getting TV service from the existing TV network in the State.

(b) and (c). Representations have been received from time to time from various quarters for expansion of TV coverage in Tamil Nadu. At present, the following schemes for the expansions of the existing TV coverage in Tamil Nadu are under various stages of implementation;

- (i) Replacement of the existing Low Power TV Transmitter with a High Power TV Transmitter (with 300m Tower) at Remeshwaram; and
- (ii) Low Power TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam, Mayuram, Arcot and Rajapalayam.

A High Power TV Transmitter at Kumbakonam is also envisaged subject to availability of adequate resources and inter-se priorities.

#### Floods in Bihar

\*72. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of heavy losses due to floods each year in Bihar causing untold misery;

(b) whether the Government have formulated short-term or long term schemes to overcome the losses due to floods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) On an average, an areas of about 14.45 lakh hectares gets affected in Bihar annually resulting in damage of about Rs. 97 crores.

(b) and (c). Several schemes for short and long term measures have been formulated to overcome the losses due to floods. In addition comprehensive master plans of floods management of the river systems of Bihar have been prepared, measures costing Rs. 531.6 crores taken up to March 1991 have provided protection, to 18.9 lakh hectares out of a total of 42.6 lakh hectares of flood prone area in the State. With an anticipated outlay of Rs. 407 crores upto the end of VIII Plan (March 97) an additional area of 1 lakh hectare will get flood protection. A floods proofing programme has also been taken up for North Bihar and an outlay of Rs. 70 crores is envisaged for the VIII Plan under the Central Sector.

#### Cancellation of Indian Airlines Flights

\*73. SHRI A. CHARLES:  
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA  
KAUR (DEEPA):

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

(a) the details of the Indian Airlines flights cancelled from January to June 1992 and the reasons therefor;

(b) the alternative arrangements made for the affected passengers and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period January, 1992 to June, 1992 or of 48613 flights, 4788 (9.85%) were cancelled. Broadly speaking, the flights were cancelled due to aircraft maintenance and handling problem, inclement weather, airport restrictions, industrial unrest and