

(iv) Gas based CCGT project in Distt. Shahjahanpur - 600 MW

(v) Jagdishpur Gas based CCGT project in Distt. Raibareilly - 210 MW.

However, in view of non-availability of gas and non-tying up of other inputs. CEA did not pursue these projects. UPSEB was requested to revise the projects as and when inputs are tied-up.

Further, the National Thermal Power Corporation has also submitted a proposal for setting up of a 800 MW gas based power plant at Farrukhabad in U. P. Further processing for this project is also held up due to non-availability of gas and non-tying up of other inputs.

[English]

Airport at Hassan Karnataka

1710. SHRI H. D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have acquired land for the construction of airport at Hassan, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure incurred on it;

(c) the estimated cost of the airport; and

(d) the time by which the construction is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Car Telephone to M. Ps

1711. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether car telephone have been provided/sanctioned to Member of Parliament during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Members of Parliament are not entitled to car telephone in their capacity as MPs. However only one mobile telephone has been provided to a M. P. during the last 3 years, in his private capacity.

Cancellation of IA flights

1712. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of flights scheduled for Imphal cancelled after reaching Gauhati during April and May, 1992;

(b) the reasons herefor and the total suffered by the Indian Airlines on the lessat account; and

(c) the measures taken so far to avoid such cancellations in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). In April, 1992, there was no cancellation of Imphal-bound flight after reaching Guwahati. During May, 1992, there were three such cancellations of IC-889, (i)

On 13 May, 1992, due to Imphal bandh and Airport closure, (ii) On 16th May 1992, due to bad weather and technical reasons fna (iii) On 25th May, 1992, due to engineering snag. Indian Airlines had suffered a loss of approximately Rs. 1.75 lacs on providing hotel accomodation, transportation etc. to passengers.

(c) Cancellation flights is resorted to only when it becomes unavoidable. All technical snags are analysed with a view to avoiding their recurrence. Further, the following measures are taken to achieve better on time performance and avoid cancellations.

(i) Close Monitoring of on-time performance at Regional and Headquarters level.

(ii) Rationalising schedule incorporating revised block times and increased ground time as cushion between flights.

(iii) Review of action taken for rectification of sang at Regions as well as Headquarters.

[*Translation*]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

1713. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in the country at present;

(b) the number of such new exchanges proposed to be set up by the end of the country years; and

(c) the number of persons likely to get telephone Connection as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A total of 7044 electronic exchanges are functioning in the country as on 31.3.92.

(b) During the current year 3148 new electronic exchanges are proposed to be set up.

(c) About 8.5 lakhs telephone connections are proposed to be provided during 1992-93 as a result of opening of new exchanges/expansion of existing exchanges.

[*English*]

Steel Plant in Orissa

1714. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay for the establishment of steel plant at Daitari in Orissa;

(b) the shares of the Steel Government and Dr. Swaraj Paul of the Capro Group of U. K. and its potential employment generation capacity; and

(c) other relevant details of agreement reached between the State Government and Dr. Swarajpaul?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) According to the information received from the State Government the capital cost of the Steel Plant is projected at Rs. 4250/- crores for production of one million tonnes of finished goods per year.

(b) The State Government's participation in equity will be to the extent of Rs. 100 crores which will be provided by way of infrastructure support. The responsibility for raising the remaining portion of the equity as