

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI  
P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 3 days strike was against the  
Modernization of delivery sets introduced in  
Bombay GPO from 1.6.92.

(c) A total of 11741 mandays were lost  
and an expenditure of Rs. 68000/- was in-  
curred on payment of overtime allowance,  
coolie charges and engagement of Home  
Guards to clear the work.

(d) It is endeavour of the Government to  
ensure that disruption in the postal services  
is avoided. The Joint Consultative Machin-  
ery and Compulsory Arbitration has been  
provided for redressal of employees' griev-  
ances.

#### **Expansion of Tuirial Air-field Mizoram**

1717. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minis-  
ter of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to  
expand the existing air-field at Tuirial in  
Mizoram;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
steps proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION  
AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCIN-  
DIA):** (a) to (c). In view of terrain constraints  
and high cost upgradation of Tuirial (Aizwal)  
airport is not a viable proposition.

#### **Modernisation and Expansion Plans of Doordarshan/Air**

1718. SHRI M. V. CHAN-

**DRASHEKARA MUR-  
THY:**

**DR. V. SREENIVASA  
PRASAD:**

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

(a) whether the modernisation and  
expansion plans of Doordarshan and AIR  
have been seriously affected due to the entry  
of foreign TV networks in the country;

(b) if so, the details of allocations made  
for the modernisation and expansion of  
Doordarshan and AIR in the Eighth Five  
Year Plan;

(c) whether the Government propose to  
review its plans in view of entry of foreign TV  
networks; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):**  
(a), (c) and (d). No, Sir.

(b) The 8th Plan allocation for the vari-  
ous schemes of AIR and Doordarshan has  
been fixed at Rs. 1134.95 crores and Rs.  
2300 crores respectively.

#### **Gas Based Power Plant in A. P.**

1719. SHRI DATTATRAYABANDARU:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to  
state:

(a) the allocation of natural gas made  
during 1990-91 and 1991-92 to NTPC and  
Andhra Pradesh State Sector for setting up  
of gas based power plants in Krishna Godav-  
ari Basin;