

Kasauli

8. *New Radio Station with 2x3 KW FM Transmitter and Multi-purpose Studios*

Churu

- (b) All India Radio Stations which are technically ready are:-

Jhalawar, Obra, Jhansi, Guna, Raichur, Bareilly, Jaisalmer, Faizabad, Dhule, Nasik, Sagar, Mercara, Mercapuram and Hamirpur.

- (c) The Radio Stations at Jhalawar, Obra, Jhansi, Guna, Raichur and Bareilly are scheduled to be commissioned in the near future. The remaining Radio Station at Jaisalmer, Faizabad, Dhule, Nasik, Sagar, Mercara, Mercapuram and Hamirpur can be commissioned only when the minimum essential staff required for their operation and maintenance is in position.

Foreign Tourists

* 186. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make available special travel reservation facilities for the foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Travel reservation facilities

for foreign tourists are being provided by airlines and Indian Railways through Computer Networks and General Sales Agents. In addition, special quotas on Indian Airlines and Railways are available for exclusive use for foreign tourists through special counters.

[English]

Irrigation Systems

*187. SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any policy to ensure functioning of the irrigation system at their highest efficiency;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether huge investments have been made in the irrigation sector during the Seventh Plan period;

(d) if so, the details of financial returns accrued from the irrigation sector during the same period; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Steps have been initiated for adopting a national policy for irrigation management as distinct from the national water Policy with a view to ensuring proper water management in command area. The thrust of the policy will be on proper management of irrigation system for the optimal use of water and guidelines regarding operation and maintenance, conjunctive use, drainage farmers participation, mainte-