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Disappearance of Aircraft of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy

2151 SHRI BRJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of disappearance of a civilian training aircraft of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy has come to the notice the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy's TB-20 aircraft VT-EMD on a cross country flight from Bangalore to Trivandrum on 29.10.92 lost contact with Trivandrum air traffic control tower at about 2500 feet altitude and 26 nautical miles from Trivandrum airport. Despite extensive search, the wreckage could not be located so far. The search is continuing. Director General Civil Aviation has appointed an inspector of accident to investigate the accident.

Telegraph Offices in Orissa

2152 SHRI SRINIVANTA JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new telegraph offices and to modernise the existing telegraph offices in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The details are as under:-

1. Three new telegraph offices are proposed to be set up at Koraput, Rayagada (Koraput) and Bhadrak in Orissa.

2. Existing telegraph offices in Orissa are planned for modernisation by -

(i) connection to computer based telegraph systems which eliminate manual re-transmission of telegrams and thus enable quicker delivery; one system shall be installed at Bhubaneswar and another is already working at Cuttack.

(ii) introduction of document transmission (FAX) facility.

(iii) provision of electronic keyboards to replace more instruments.

(*English*)

High Power T.V. Transmitter at Itanagar

2153. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a high power T. V. transmitter with Studio facility at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the VLPTs in the State are functioning properly; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to improve its functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING:

CASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) and (b). A high power (1 KW) T. V. transmitter is already functioning at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. A TV Studio Centre Project comprising a Studio of about 108 square metres area along with associated technical and other facilities is at present under implementation at Itanagar.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) 16 very low power TV transmitters are at present functioning in Arunachal Pradesh. Performance of some of these transmitters was reported to be unsatisfactory due to various reasons. Since these transmitters operate in an unattended mode, it is envisaged to set up a Remote Monitoring and Control System for monitoring and Control System for monitoring and rectifying the defects comparatively in shorter period. Implementation of this scheme will, however, depend upon the availability of adequate resources for the purpose.

[Translation]

Full Utilisation of Water in the Country

2154. **SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:**
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) percentage of total irrigated area in the country State-wise till the end of the

Seventh Five year Plan;

(b) the percentage of area envisaged to be covered during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) whether much of the irrigation potential created over the years in the country are not being utilised fully; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the action taken to utilise fully?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A Statement is enclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Creation of potential and its utilisation is a continuous process. A lag of a few year between the introduction of irrigation and its full utilisation is unavoidable as it takes time for the farmers to construct the field channels and to prepare the land for irrigated farming. Also the switch over from rainfed agriculture to irrigated agriculture involves a major change in agricultural techniques which farmers take time to master.

To reduce this gap a Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme has already been in implementation since 1974-75. The other remedial measures inter-alia include emphasis on water and crop accounting rather than more area reporting, reappraisal of actual potential of old schemes, uniform data reporting and annual performance review.