

(Rs in lakhs)

<i>(b) As at 31st March</i>	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Hotels	978	3675	4518
Amusement Parks	189	216	300
Car Rentals	86	32	-
Others	32	-	10
	1276	3923	4828

(c) Resources available with the Tourism Finance Corporation of India are estimated at Rs. 60 crores during the current year.

[*Translation*]

T.V. Coverage in Adivasi areas of Madhya Pradesh

2210. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide TV coverage in Adivasi areas of the country especially Sivni, Narsinghpur and Jabalpur districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS): (a) and (b). It is the constant endeavor of Doordarshan to provide TV service to the tribal areas of the country including those in Madhya Pradesh with due priority.

At present, besides a high power (1 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Jabalpur, three low power TV transmitters are func-

tioning in Jabalpur, Seoni and Narsinghpur districts respectively and are providing satisfactory TV service within their coverage areas. TV coverage in these districts is expected to improve substantially on augmentation of the power of the TV transmitter at Jabalpur from 1 KW to 10 KW during 1993-94. With a view to further improving TV service in Narsinghpur district, a low power TV transmitter is also envisaged to be set up at Gadarpura subject to availability of resources and *inter se* priorities.

[*English*]

Central Funding Agency for Inter-State River project

2211. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the scheme for setting up of a Central Funding agency for completion of the all approved inter-state-river irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDHYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). **No, Sir, However, for expeditious completion of some of the Nationally important irrigation projects in the country, it was contemplated to provide special central assistance to the States during the Eighth Plan period. Due to resource constraints, the Planning Commission could not accept the proposal and has suggested that the issue of funding for the National Projects be first discussed with the States as the overall National resource availability for irrigation sector is not going to change thereby.**

Development of Rajamundry Airport

2212 **SHRI K V R CHOWDARY** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Rajamundry airport,

(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) There is no proposal to upgrade Rajamundry airport owing to the

constraints of funds and lack of demand from Indian Airlines to operate its services to this aerodrome due to limited commercial potential

[*Translation*]

Target for Telephone Connections

2213 **SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the target fixed for providing new telephone connections during 1992-93 is less than target fixed during 1991-92

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise target fixed for the last year and the extent up to which target has been achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). **No, Sir** During 91-92 a target of providing 7 lakh telephone connections was fixed where as the target for 92-93 is 8.5 lakh connections.

(c) The details are given in the attached Statement.