

STATEMENT-III

World Bank aided Projects

There are 4 world bank aided projects under execution in U.P. the names are as follows:-

1. Upper Ganga Irrigation Modernisation Project (First time slice).
 - (a) Upper Ganga Canal.
 - (b) Madhya Ganga Canal.
2. National Water Management Projects.
 - (a) Development of Irrigation Management of Present Sarda Canal System (Part-I Hardoi Branch).
 - (b) Improvement of Water Management of Lower Ganga Canal System (Stage-Ist).

Upper Ganga Canal System is being modernised with world Bank assistance, the agreement of which for first time slice was signed by World Bank in June 1984. The total cost of first time slice is Rs. 510.00 crores (Base year 1991-92). The balance cost of the project after 3/92 is 22.80 crores. The project is now scheduled to be completed in June 1995. Madhya Ganga Canal Stage-I has also been proposed to be funded from this aid, given for Upper Ganga Canal System (First time slice) to utilize the savings due to increase in the Dollar-Rupee exchange rate. This project is also proposed to be completed in the year 1995-96. The Balance cost of this project after 2/92 is Rs. 127.80 crores.

Lower Ganga Canal and Sharda Canal system have been cleared for World Bank assistance under National Water Management Project in May, 1991. The total cost of lower Ganga Canal cleared for World Bank assistance is Rs. 15.20 crores and that of Sharda Canal System is Rs. 48.44 crores.

T.V. Serials on Tribals Problems

3459. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided financial assistance to T.V. serials highlighting the culture and problems of the tribals and primitive tribals of Chhotanagpur and Santhal Parganas of Bihar;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). Doordarshan has no scheme to provide financial assistance for production of TV serials. However, one of the commissioned programmes, titled 'Adivasi Kranti Doot', contained an episode on the life of Birsa Munda, the tribal hero of Santhal Parganas. Programmes on the life and culture of different parts of the country, including that of Chhotanagpur and Santhal Parganas are telecast by Doordarshan from time to time.

(c) Does not arise.

Hike in Air Fares

3460. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether air-fares have been hiked following recent hike in prices of petrol and petroleum products by the Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the percentage rise in fares of each airlines; and

(c) the percentage of fare-hike in relation to hike in petroleum price?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRA SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Following the recent increase in the price of aviation turbine fuel India Airlines has increased its domestic rupee fares by 9% effective from 2.10.92 in the form of fuel surcharge. Air India two has made an identification increase in its fares on domestic sectors. Vayudoot has not increased the fare as Indian Airlines and air India have done.

(c) The increase is to offset partially the impact of 15.3% increase in the price of aviation turbine fuel and withdrawal of bulk discount on the fuel.

Installation of T.V. Transmitters in Bihar

3461. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI CHEEDI PASWAN:

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

(a) the targets fixed for installation of T.V. transmitters in Bihar during 1991-92;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) the number of proposals lying for installation of T.V. transmitters in Bihar; and

(d) the locations where these are likely to be installed in the State in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). As per the target fixed, radiating power of the high power TV transmitter at Daltonganj in Bihar which was operating at a reduced power of 1 KW was augmented to 10 KW with effect from 30th August, 1991. No other transmitter in the State had been scheduled for commissioning during 1991-92.

(c) and (d). 7 low TV transmitter one each at Aurangabad, Gumla, Lohardaga, Hazaribagh, Godda, Navada, Raxaul and Supaul are presently under implementation in Bihar. Besides, 2 high power TV transmitters, one each at Jamshedpur and Gaya are also envisaged to be set up in the State subject to availability of resources and inter se priorities.

Telephone Services of Thane District, Maharashtra

3462. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about numerous complaints about the unsatisfactory functioning of STD Local Telephones in Kalyan, Dombivli, Uthasnagar and Ambernath areas of Thane District (Maharashtra); and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken for improving the services in these areas?

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