

during 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No specific norms have been laid down by the Government to set up electronic exchanges. However, as per the present policy/objectives modernisation and upgradation of existing telephone exchanges are to be carried out by electronic type equipment wherever possible. Also all the new exchanges being opened are of electronic type.

(b) The information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Borrowing of Loan

4466. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to invite foreign capital and technology for the development of civil aviation facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Government's policy in this matter was indicated at the annual assembly of Airports Association Council International (AACI) on 10th of November, 1992 in Madrid (Spain), as follows:

India would welcome mutually beneficial relationships with willing partners for an integrated development of its aviation industry. India's expanding market has the capacity and capability of absorbing transfer

of the latest technologies. Setting up of advanced avionics industry would also help India utilise the skilled manpower and an economic mode of production based on natural comparative advantage.

[*English*]

Narmada Sagar Project

4467. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO
DESHMUKH:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:
SHRIMATI MALINI
BHATTACHARAYA:
SHRI SHANKERSINGH
VAGHELA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank propose to stop grant of financial assistance for the Narmada Sagar project;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Project will be completed without any hindrance;

(d) whether there have been protests by the anti-project activities and some quarters at home and abroad in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The World Bank has not so far agreed to provide financial assistance to the Narmada Sagar Project which is dependent on compliance of certain conditionalities by the State Government.

(c) the Project is presently in progress and no hindrance is foreseen at present.

(d) There is no controversy over the Narmada Sagar Project.

(e) Does not arise.

Irrigation Projects in Krishna Valley

4468. **SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal on the Krishna Valley project regarding the backward regions of Vidarbha & Marathwada as well as chronically drought-prone areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Benetura and Sakat Medium Irrigation Projects in Krishna River basin benefiting 2510 hectares and 2355 hectares respectively in drought-prone district of Osmanabad in Marathwada region of Maharashtra and estimated to cost Rs. 4.01 crores and Rs. 4.53 crores respectively were received in the Central Water Commission in 4/87 and 7/92 respectively for techno-economic appraisal. While Benetura Project has already been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held in 4/88, Sakat project was sent back to the State Government in 8/92 due to basic deficiencies in the Project Planning.

Growth of Cable T.V. Network

4469. **SHRICHANDRAJEET YADAV:**
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:

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

(a) whether the Government have made any study recently with regard to the gradual growth of cable TV network in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the names of the metropolitan cities in which cable TV network is on expansion and the estimated number of cable TV network viewers arisen in these cities, its overall impact on the Doordarshan network programmes besides the regional and other TV programme being telecast by the State Governments;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the challenge posed by the cable TV network;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any policy in this regard; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Survey conducted by Doordarshan in ten cities, viz., Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Lucknow, Nagpur, Jaipur and Cuttack indicated that there has been a substantial increase in cable connections. Nevertheless, Cable TV reaches only six per cent of the urban households and there is no discernible evidence of any adverse impact on the viewer ship of Doordarshan.

(c) to (e). Government have taken up the question of further regulating the Cable TV network and Dish Antennae systems in the country.

Performance of Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot

4470. **SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:**
PROF. RITA VERMA: