

private capital for investment in the Corporation;

(b) if so, the response from the investors;

(c) whether the activities of the DVC are likely to be further expanded and diversified with the investment of private capital; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed expansion and diversification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has held discussions with representatives of private investors, viz. M/s. TISCO and M/s. CMS Generation, USA, for getting funds for their on-going Mejia Thermal Power Project (3x210 MW). None of the firms have so far agreed to provide funds either by becoming partners or through a loan.

(c) and (d). No proposal is under consideration, at present, for expansion and diversification with private investment.

Airport Hotel Ashoka, Calcutta

4502. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Hotel Ashoka in Calcutta was given five star status during 1991;

(b) if so, whether there is any improvement in the hotel since then; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta was "classified" as a 5 star hotel in

August 1983 by the Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee. The Committee again inspected the Hotel for "reclassification" in June 1992 and had suggested certain improvements which are being undertaken.

[*Translation*]

Mini Bhabha Hansdev Vongo In M.P.

4503. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated in Eighth Five year Plan for Mini Bhabha Handsdev Vongo' irrigation scheme of district Vilaspur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether World Bank has restarted giving assistance for this scheme;

(c) if so, the terms thereof;

(d) the year-wise fixed for the progress of the scheme; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 120 crores for Hasdcor Bango Project of Madhya Pradesh for the VIII Plan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The yearwise targets are fixed at the beginning of the year. While the allocation for the year 1992-93 is Rs. 38 crores, in the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 it was Rs. 34.27 crores and Rs. 30.02 crores respectively for Hasdeo Bango Project.