

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.

(e) The project is scheduled to spill over to IX Plan.

[English]

### **Modernisation of IISCO**

4504. SHRIB. RAJARAVIVARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Companies which propose to form joint venture company with the Steel Authority of India Limited for the modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Government have constituted a Committee Exports to explore possibilities of private participation in Indian iron and Steel Company for its modernisation and to make recommendations thereon. The Committee had invited final offers from some parties, which were found eligible. The offers are required to be submitted by the first week of January, 1993. Details of the proposals will be known only after the offers are received.

### **Foreign Assistance for Irrigation Projects**

4505. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by IMF, WB and ADB for implementation of irrigation projects in different States during the last three years, Statewise, and;

(b) the details of assistance proposed to be provided to various States during 1993-94. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The details of financial assistance provided by World Bank for implementation of irrigation project in different States during the last three years are given in Statement enclosed. There is no assistance provided by IMF and ADB for such projects.

(b) Allocation of funds for 1993-94 to various States via-a-vis externally assisted projected are under finalisation stage in the Planning Commission.