

- (8) Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting of National Water Resources Council.

S.T.D Facility on Public Telephones

974. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide STD facility on the telephones installed at public places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the number of such telephone booths operating in Gujarat?

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

(b) Under our liberalised policy, PCOs with STD facility are provided under the franchise scheme to those who volunteer to run the same subject to technical feasibility and observation of departmental formalities. Apart from this, Public Telephones with STD facility are also being opened departmentally.

In Gujarat, 3681 Public Telephone Booths are operating as on 31.10.92.

Issue of Power Bonds

975. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to raise Rs. 1,650 crore through public bonds to finance central power projects during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Against Rs 1,747 crores allocated by the Finance Ministry to the various Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power against issue of Bonds for the year 1992-93, only Rs. 50 crores could be raised so far through private placement.

[*Translation*]

Airlinks to New Areas

976. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN:
SHRI K P. SINGH DEO:
SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE:
KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO.
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV

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

(a) the details of the places proposed to be airlinked by Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans Limited in the next three years, sector-wise and state-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to resume the suspended services of Vayudoot and Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and Pawan Hans Limited have not taken any firm decision about the new stations to be airlinked in the next three years.

(b) and (c). Indian Airlines and Vayudoot may consider resumption of their suspended services subject to availability of operating aircraft and other resources and traffic potential justifying resumption of such services.

[English]

Disappearance of Aircraft near Thiruvananthapuram

977. SHRIRAMESHCHENNITHALA:
SHRIATALBIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSIN H
VAGHELA:

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

(a) whether any inquiry has been made into the disappearance of TB-20, 4-seater trainee aircraft about 27 Km from Thiruvananthapuram recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the precautionary measures proposed to be taken to eliminate the possibility of similar incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy's TB-20 aircraft VT-EMD on a cross country flight from Bangalore to Trivandrum on 29.10.92 lost contact with Trivandrum air traffic control tower at about 2500 feet altitude and 26 nautical miles from Trivandrum airport. Despite extensive search the wreckage could not be located so far. The search is continuing. Director General Civil Aviation has appointed an inspector of accident to investigate the accident after which precautionary measure, if any, will be undertaken.

Report on Narmada Project

978. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR
REDDY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 76 on July 13, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the meeting of the Narmada Control Authority was held on July 125, 1992 to consider the views of the State Governments on the report by the independent review commissioned by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Based on the clarifications received from the State Governments on the issues raised in the report of the Independent Review commissioned by the World Bank a joint response, was sent to the World Bank on 7.8.1992.

Warehouses at International Airport

979. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union Government propose to set up warehouses at some important international Airports in the country including Thiruvananthapuram; and