

**Gold Mines in Rajasthan**

35. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of MINES be please to state:

(a) whether gold deposits have been found in Banswara (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, by when the mining work will be started; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c). As a result of survey carried out by Geological survey of India (GSI) during 1991-92, incidence of gold mineralisation has been located from Anandpuri-Bhukia area of Banswara District, Rajasthan. GSI is presently engaged in preliminary exploration of the area to assess the nature and extent of gold mineralisation.

[English]

**Power Project Undertaken by NPHC Abroad**

36. SHRI RAMAKRISHNA KONATHALA Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation proposes to take up projects abroad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) has been identified as the prime construction agency for the Kurichu Hydro-electric Project (3 x 15 MW) in Bhutan. The Govt. of India is likely to provide financial assistance to Bhutan for the

implementation of this project.

**Kayamkulam Thermal Project**

37. SHRI K.M. MATHEW:  
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:  
SHRI E. AHAMED:  
SHRI PROF. P.J. KURIEN:  
SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 264 on March 15, 1993 and state:

(a) whether financial tie up with any foreign country or agency has been made for the construction of super thermal power project at kayamkulam in Kerala :

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The Kayamkulam Thermal Project of the National Thermal Power Corporation has been posed for financial assistance to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OEFC), Japan.

(c) the project can be taken up for implementation after funding is tied up.

[Translation]

**Telephone System in M.P. and Punjab**

38. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communication system is in order in Madhya Pradesh and Punjab and telephone complaints are not being attended for weeks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have fixed any time limit to attend telephone complaints; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHAM) : (a) No, Sir, the telephone services remain in order except when unusual conditions result due to natural calamities like flood etc.

(b) does not arise

(c) and (d). Yes Sir, the target fixed is to clear 90 of the faults within 24 hrs except in case of cable break downs.

[English]

### **T.V. Coverage in Hilly Districts of H.P.**

39. MAJOR D.D. KHANORIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hilly districts of Himachal Pradesh are covered by the Doordarshan;

(b) if not, whether the Government have taken steps for increasing the relay capacity of towers in these districts and also the connect them with satellite; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) TC service, at present, is available wholly or par-

tially to all the districts of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c). to further strengthen TV service, power of existing 100W TV transmitter at Shimla is being upgraded to 1 KW. it is also envisaged to upgrade the power of the existing 100W transmitters Dharmshala to 10 KW. In addition, 2 Low Power Transmitters (LPTS) at Sujapur, Sundernagar and 3 Very Low Power Transmitters (CLPTs), one each at Ajhu Fort, Dalash and Palampur are at various stages of implementation. With the commissioning of the above mentioned transmitters, TV services is expected to be available to about 70.5% population of the State. Satellite devided regional TV service is planned to be introduced in the State, subject to future availability of requisite space capacity.

[Translation]

### **Telephone to Panchayats in Punjab**

40. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of panchayats in different districts of Punjab that have been provided with telephone facility upto june 1993 and the district-wise details thereof; and

(b) the names of panchayats in each district of Punjab which are likely to be provided with telephone facility during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHAM) : (a) 4,163 as per details given in the Statement-I attached.

(b) Selection of the names of Panchayat villages in the districts of Punjab will depend upon technical feasibility. However, the number of Panchayat villages in each district of Punjab that are likely to be provided with telephone facility during 1993-94 are given in the Statement-II attached.