

(a) whether Government of Bihar have sought permission of Union Government for utilizing the funds allocated for Land Development Programmes for the small irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development have not received such request from the Government of Bihar.

(b) Question does not arise.

### **Ganga Barrage**

2492. SHRI SHYAM BIHARI MISRA:  
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of barrage over river Ganga at Kanpur has since been started;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the construction of this barrage is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Irrigation Department has started the work of soil testing for the foundation. The tenders for construction of a portion of the work have only recently been invited.

(c) During 1995-96.

[English]

### **Use of Tobacco for Medicinal Purposes**

2493. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the use of tobacco in various pharmaceutical formulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to encourage use of indigenously growth tobacco for medicinal purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

### **Aircraft Maintenance Plan**

2494. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out a plan for Aircraft maintenance at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private Air Taxicab are also proposed to be permitted to avail of the maintenance facilities there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been servicing and overhauling a wide variety of aircraft. With a view to diversifying its product/service range and enlarging its customer base, HAL has undertaken civil aircraft maintenance for private operators. It has carried out check-B and check-C on Boeing-737 aircraft of private operators and is making arrangements for being able to carry out more extensive servicing of these and other aircraft.

### Economic Growth of Southern States

2495. SHRI M. V. V. S. MURTHY:  
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have worked out any concrete proposals for economic growth of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry with a view to explore potentialities of this region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent these States/Union Territory have agreed for the development of the region together?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Investments through the Eighth Plan and Annual Plans thereunder are designed to bring about all-round socio-economic development of individual States.

(b) The outlays approved for Eighth Plan/Annual Plans of the four States/U.T. are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

States/U. T.	Eighth Plan	Annual Plan 1992-93	Annual Plan 1993-94	Annual Plan 1994-95
1. Andhra Pradesh	10500	1675	1851	2130
2. Karnataka	12300	1915	3025	3275
3. Kerala	5460	915	1003	1260
4. Tamil Nadu	10200	1751	2101	2750
5. Pondicherry	400	90	108	135