

National Power Grid Corporation

700. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of establishment of National Power Grid Corporation;
- (b) the time schedule for completion of this project;
- (c) whether Power Grids already exist in many States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Formation of a National Power Grid is a concept involving inter-connection of regional grids to facilitate exchange of power. The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. has been established in 1989 with an initial authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crores to construct, inter-alia, the transmission links interconnecting the Regions/States.

(b) Establishing the transmission links is an on going process.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Five Regional Grids, namely Eastern, Western, Southern, Northern and North-Eastern Regional Grids covering all the States already exist in the country.

[Translation]

Upgradation of Hospitals in Uttar Pradesh

701. DR. SAKSHIJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent any proposal to the Union Government to upgrade the hospitals of secondary level in the state with the assistance of World Bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c). The Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent a brief proposal for upgrading secondary level hospitals in Uttar Pradesh with the World Bank Assistance. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has since been advised to submit a revised proposal in keeping with the requirements from World Bank aided projects.

Tramways

702. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL:
SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
SHRI GOVIND RAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct tramways in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to implement the said project in some other big cities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the mode of financial assistance for it; and
- (e) the time by which the construction work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In consultation with the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi it has been decided to provide High Speed Tram System on 9 important corridors of Delhi. These High Speed trams will operate on elevated tracks. Necessary action has already been initiated to call for proposals from Indian/Foreign Agencies on Build, Operate and Transfer basis.

(c) and (d). Enquiries have been received from some State Governments for construction of HST system in their metropolitan cities. However, it is for the respective State Governments to implement such projects.

(e) Keeping in view the facts stated in reply to part (b) above, at this stage no time limit by which the construction work will start can be indicated.

[English]

Rate of Leprosy

703. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of Leprosy patients against the total population of the country;
- (b) whether any plan has been chalked out for eradication of the disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any foreign loan aid etc. has been received by the Government during the last three years and also in the present year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken towards their utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a)