

(b) Provision under 'direction and administration' in the original estimated cost was Rs. 3.76 crores, while in the latest revised cost estimates, it is Rs. 33.64 crores, representing an increase of about 795.45%.

(c) For avoiding time over-run in their projects, NHPC have established effective project planning and monitoring system. Also, in order to have effective control over the costs of the projects, cost engineering cells have been set up by NHPC at the corporate office as well as at the projects.

(d) There have been no cost and time over-runs in this project due to environmental considerations.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Public Sector Units without Heads**

1241. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA.  
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector units and other organisations under his Ministry which are at present without heads;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Presently International Airports Authority of India and Indian Airlines do not have full time Chief Executive. The post of Chairman, IAAI, fell vacant following the retirement of Prof. N.K. Singh and the post in Indian Airlines following the resignation of the Managing Director.

(c) Action has been initiated in consultation with the PESB to fill up these posts.

#### **Acquisition of Soviet Civil Transport Aircraft on Lease**

1242. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:  
SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire Soviet Civil transport aircraft on lease;

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the conditions put by the USSR in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Indian Airlines and Air India already have three Soviet aircraft on lease basis. Government were considering the question of acquiring more Soviet civil transport aircraft on lease basis but owing to capacity constraints, the Soviet authorities have intimated their inability to do so.

#### **Plastic Exhibition**

1243. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which participated in the plastic exhibition held in New Delhi in the first week of March, 1990;

(b) the main purpose of the exhibition; and