

[English]

**Status of MTNL and VSNL as full-fledged Public Sector Enterprises**

7987. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the year in which the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited were formed;

(b) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited has since been declared the full-fledged public sector enterprise and if so, since when;

(c) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has also been declared a full-fledged public sector enterprise;

(d) if so, since when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) when the Government propose to declare the MTNL a full-fledged public sector enterprise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited were both formed in the year 1986.

(b) Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) has been declared a full-fledged public sector enterprise with effect from 1.4.1986.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has also been declared a full-fledged public sector enterprise with effect from 1.4.1986.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

[Translation]

**Sone Canal Project**

7988. SHRI CHHEDDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the renovation work of Sone canal project in Bihar; and

(b) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) In Sone canal Modernisation Phase-I, the progress reported upto June, 1991 is 25 per cent on main canal having length of 27.78 kilometres and 5 per cent of structures numbering 31 thereon. In addition, 30 percent of earth work pertaining to 24 kilometres of distribution system and 25 percent of work relating to 640 structures of the water courses have been completed. Work on Buhura Pump Canal has almost been completed. Against the latest estimated cost of about Rs. 311 crores, the anticipated expenditure upto end of March, 1992 is Rs. 28.34 crores.

(b) The project is scheduled to spill over to IX Plan.

**Modernisation of Runways in country**

7989. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR:  
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:  
SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:  
SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-  
THALA:  
SHRI KODIKUNIL  
SURESH:  
SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:

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

(a) the details of the proposals for expansion/construction, modernisation and strengthening of runways at different airports in the country;

(b) the estimated cost earmarked for this purpose; and

(c) the time by which the modernisation programme is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The details for expansion and re-surfacing/strengthening of runways and other associated pavements at various airports and the amount earmarked for this purpose during 1992-93, are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) Some on-going works are nearing completion and some are likely to commence from the current financial year 1992-93 subject to availability of funds and land.

**STATEMENT**

<i>Name of the airport</i>	<i>Outlay proposed/approved for Annual Plan 1992-93 (Rs. in crores)</i>
Salem	0.26
Indore(resurfacing)	0.19
Jaipur	0.09
Aurangabad	0.60
Indore (extension of runway)	0.10
Jaipur	0.80
Khajuraho	0.50
Ludhiana	0.53
Lilabari	0.40
Pantnagar	0.71
Patna	1.20
Ranchi	1.00
Tirupathi	3.50
Trichi	0.10

<i>Name of the airport</i>	<i>Outlay proposed/approved for Annual Plan 1992-93 (Rs. in crores)</i>
Lucknow	1.66
Raipur	0.04
Baroda	0.45
Bhavnagar	0.10
Dehradun	0.10
Guwahati	0.10
Hyderabad	2.00
Jabalpur	1.00
Udaipur	1.00
Bombay	1.76
Delhi	3.51
Madras	1.98
Trivandrum	4.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.31</b>

[English]

**Functioning of Private Travel agencies  
from ITDC Hotels**

7990. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector travel agencies which are in competition with ITDC's travel business have been allowed to func-

tion from ITDC hotels promises itself;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of such travel agencies offices being operated from different ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). A list of private travel agencies operating from ITDC hostels is given in the Statement attached. Their operation does