

(c) The main reason for low generation in Bihar was due to poor performance of thermal power stations.

[English]

Transmission System of Energy

8037. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of POWRE AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far to prepare and implement the project of back to back transmission system of energy connecting the Eastern Zone with the Northern zone;

(b) the total estimated cost for the project; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RA): (a) to (c). NPTC has formulated a proposal for implementation of HVDC Back to Back transmission system for establishment for inter-regional link between Northern Region (Mau in U.P.) and Eastern Region (Bihar sharrif, in Bihar) with an estimated cost of Rs. 566.85 crores.

The Project is likely to be commissioned within 48 months from the date of award of contract for HVDC equipments.

T.V. Towers and Doordarshan Relay Centres in Churu District of Rajasthan

8038. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Churu district of Rajasthan T.V. towers and T.V. relay Centres have

been set up;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more T.V. towers and relay centres in Rajasthan, particularly in Churu district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJAVYAS):

(a) Low Power TV transmitters are present functioning at Churu and Sardarshahar in Churu district of Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Seven High Power TV transmitters, thirteen Low Power TV transmitters including the ones at Siroongargarh, Sujanganh and Ratanganh in Churu district of Rajasthan and five Very Low Power TV transmitters are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Rajasthan.

Effect on ITDC after Joint Venture of International Hotel Chains

8039. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:
SHRIMATI GEETA KUKHERJEE:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the shape, role and responsibility of the India Tourism Development Corporation after the implementation of the Joint Ventures of ITDC hotel properties with international hotel chains?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): ITDC would continue to operate hotels other than those formed into Joint Ventures, and also play its existing role and discharge

its responsibility in the development and promotion of tourism in the country.

Airport Equipments

8040. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:

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

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned 'faulty airport equipment nags aviation experts' appearing in the Pioneer dated March 23, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the details of the air accidents including landing and take off accidents attributed to faulty airport equipments during the last three years;

(d) the names of the agencies/authorities entrusted with the task of maintenance of aviation equipments; and

(e) the salient features of training provided to personnel handling the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir:

(b) to (d). There have been no accidents to civil aircraft during the last three years owing to faulty airport equipments. It is

true that failure rate of VORs at Udaipur and Amritsar is rather high. The National Airports Authority is responsible for maintaining navigational and communicational equipments at the airports. It employs qualified and trained technical personnel for maintenance of these equipments. As yet, there has not been any system of licensing maintenance personnel for navigational aids.

(e) Civil Aviation Training Centre at Allahabad holds training courses for different equipment regularly. Officers are also sent abroad for training under UNDP. When new equipments are inducted officers are normally given training at factory premises.

Expenditure on Cabin and Cockpit Crew

8041. SHR ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Indian Airlines during last three years, year-wise on the stay of cabin and cockpit crew in private hotels and public sector hotels, separately; and

(b) the reasons for which private sector hotels are used by the Indian Airlines where public sector hotels are available?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The amount spent by Indian Airlines on the stay of cabin and cockpit crew during the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Public Sector Hotels	1.30	1.48	2.41
Private Hotels	3.79	4.03	5.36