

ing about 1500 solar photovoltaic street lighting systems covering about 400 un-electrified villages/ hamlets.

[English]

De-regulation on of International fares

8069. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM , be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International airlines operating in the country have offered a proposal to de-regulate the international air Fares; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):(a). No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wind Power plants

8070. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. be pleased to state:

(a) whether any wind power plant has been inaugurated in Gujarat recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the wind power plants already functioning in the country, State-wise: and

(d) the stepsw taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The 10MW Wind Farm Project established at Lamba in Gujarat was dedicated to the Nation on 24th September, 1991.

(c) and (d) . A total Wind Power Capacity of 40 MW has been established in the country . The State - wise break- up is given below:

Tamil Nadu	—	20.94 MW
Gujarat	—	14.74 MW
Maharashtra	—	1.19 MW
Orissa	—	1.19MW
Madhya Pradesh	—	0.64 MW
Andhra pradesh	—	0.55MW
Karnataka	—	0.55MW
Kerala	—	0.10MW
Goa	—	0.11MW

In addition , Wind Power projects of aggregate capacity 22.77MW are presently under implementation in the above States. Proposals have also been made to increase Wind Power generation capacity by 400 MW during the 8th Plan, which is yet to be finalised. Steps have been taken to promote private sector participation in wind power generation by making available tax benefits such as accelerated depreciation at the rate of 100% in the year of installation; excise duty exemption; and, customs duty exemption on specified components for phased manufacture of wind electric generator. Loans at concessional rate of interest are also available to private entrepreneurs