

external junding as indicated above will help considerably in capacity addition programme envisaged in the VIII Plan and beyond. Utilisation of external assistance is inter alia dependent on obtaining statutory and other clearances from different approval; accrediting authorities, supply of equipments and execution of civil and other works, provision of counter-part funds by project authorities and time consumed in evaluation of bid-documents etc. With a view to speed up the utilisation of available external assistance, identified bottleneck areas are given greater attention and periodic reviews are held to remove the bottlenecks and to ensure taking of corrective measures in this regard.

Development of Calicut Airport

8056. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any offer from any organisation or representatives of the NRIs, residents of Malabar in Kerala private companies etc. to collect funds for the expansion of the runway and other development works at the Calicut airport; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). No specific offer of funds has been received by the Government.

Water Potential of Manas and Benkrivers

8057 SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for water potentials of rivers Mans and Beki;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any project of signing a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Bhutan for construction of water reservoir; and

(d) if so, the steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The form water potential of the Manas and Beki river system has been estimated to be 1550 Mega Watt.

(c) and (d). Pre feasibility report for construction of water reservoir prepared by Government of India during 1983 had been given to the Royal Government of Bhutan. An agreement for this work has not been signed between India and Bhutan.

Purchase of Tu-204 Aircraft

8058. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to purchase the 214 seater TU-204 aircraft; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

International Action Against Pakistan

8059. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Government pro-