

World Bank Loan for Power Projects

5825. SHRI MANJAY LAL:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan provided by the World Bank for various power projects upto December, 1992 and

(b) the amount proposed to be obtained by the Union Government from the Bank in this regard during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The loan/credit sanctioned by the World Bank for the ongoing power sector projects till December, 1992 is US\$ 5721.1 million.

(b) A number of projects for World bank aid in the power sector are at different stages of preparation/discussion. However, projects which are finally tied up for assistance, the extent and timing of commitment will depend upon detailed project preparation, donor preference and commitment availability.

[English]

IA Services at Pune Airport

5826. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions on which the Indian Airlines Services at Pune Airport have been interrupted during the last four months;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). During the period 1.11.92 to 28.2.93, 35 flights from Pune were delayed, mostly owing to late arrival of flights. In addition, three flights were cancelled, one each for consequential, commercial and miscellaneous reasons.

(c) Steps have been taken to minimise delays by rationalising schedules, provision of standby aircraft, close monitoring and taking necessary preventive action.

Tourist Arrivals

5827. DR. P.R. GANGWAR:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

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

(a) whether there has been any decline in the tourist arrivals following bomb blasts in Bombay and Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the losses suffered on account of this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). There has been a decline of about 6.7% in tourist traffic to the country during March, 1993 as compared to March, 1992. However, there are no statistics available on the losses suffered on account of decline in tourist traffic.

[Translation]

Income Tax Dues Against Producers

5828. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has suffered a loss

of crore of rupees for not charging two percent income tax at the time of making payment to the private producer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to recover the income tax due and to charge two percent amount at the time of making payment in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Celebration of Water Resources Day

5829. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements are being made by the Central Water Commission to celebrate 'Water Resources Day';

(b) if so, the amount being spent thereon and benefits likely to be achieved therefrom;

(c) whether there is any proposal to utilise this amount for digging of wells, water tank and on other small irrigation schemes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 4.862 lakhs have been sanctioned for celebrating Water resources Day 1993. Water Resources Day is celebrated every year with the objective of achieving following benefits: (i) generating consciousness among people at large about the need for conserving water and

managing it on scientific lines, (ii) creating awareness on the achievements and the problems faced by the water resources sector, (iii) dissemination of information about various achievements and current activities in the water resources sector including gaps and slippages and (iv) creating proper climate for involvement of the common man in development and management of water resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The main purpose of celebrating Water Resources Day is to create mass awareness. Therefore physical works like digging of wells etc. are not included in it. The works are, however, being carried out under their respective schemes.

P&T Offices in Nagpur, Maharashtra

5830. SHRI TEJSINGH RAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for opening of posts and telegraphs offices in Nagpur, Maharashtra during 1992-93;

(b) whether the aforesaid target has been achieved fully;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the number of posts and telegraph offices are likely to be opened during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKHRAM): (a) Post Office: A target for opening of 1 departmental sub-post office and 18 extra departmental branch post offices was fixed for Nagpur Region for the year 1992-93.

Telegraph Office: The target fixed for opening telegraph offices in Nagpur, Maharashtra during 1992-93 was one.