

(c) the stages in which it is proposed to be executed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Financial assistance to augment water resources in Konkan region

3583. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether various schemes for providing water resources to the backward Konkan region of Maharashtra have suffered for want of adequate Central financial assistance ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the water resources in this backward region with Central assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by State Governments. Central assistance is given in the form of block loans and grants and is not tied to any scheme or sector of development. However, under the Western Ghats Development Programme, which covers parts of Konkan region, funds are provided for development of minor irrigation.

Plan to takeover 'Hazar Dwari Palace'

3584. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised a plan for the takeover of Hazar Dwari Palace at Murshidabad, West Bengal ;

(b) whether Inventory has been prepared of the objects of art and articles of historic value in the palace ; and

(c) if so, whether the present manage-

ment has agreed to the palace and its valuable objects being taken over by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The Government of India have taken over the Hazarduari Palace at Murshidabad along with the antiquities and art objects of historical importance from the Government of West Bengal.

(b) An inventory of antiquities and art objects of historic value in the Hazarduari Palace, Murshidabad has been prepared.

(c) Does not arise.

Recruitment of female employees in Indian Airlines

3585. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK :

SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees working in Indian Airlines at present ;

(b) how many of them are female employees ;

(c) whether Government proposed to recruit more female employees in Indian Airlines ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Against a total of 19542 employees in Indian Airlines as on 31st January, 1986, the number of female employees was 1,910.

(c) and (d). The Recruitment and Promotion Rules of Indian Airlines do not stipulate any discrimination in employment on the basis of sex. All candidates who