

Tipaimukh Dam

2829. SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct Tipaimukh Dam at the border of Manipur and Mizoram to generate power and to control the floods in Assam;

(b) if so, the time by which the work on the project is likely to commence;

(c) the estimated cost and the funds allocated for the project during the current financial year; and

(d) the time by which the dam is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Brahmaputra Board has completed investigations and have prepared a Detailed Project Report for Tipaimukh multipurpose project on Barak river at Manipur-Mizoram border.

(b) to (d) Techno-economical clearance subject to certain conditions has been granted to the Tipaimukh Multipurpose Project, during August 1995 costing Rs. 2,899 crore at 1995 price level. Further progress could not be made in absence of agreement amongst the concerned States of Manipur, Mizoram and Assam.

[*Translation*]

FM Services in the Country

2830. SHRI HIRA LAL ROY :
SHRI RAJU SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce FM service at some new places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, statewise with reference to Bihar; and

(c) the time by which the FM service are likely to be introduced in Chapra district of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to introduce FM services at some new places in the state of Bihar, at present.

(c) The power of existing 3 KW FM Transmitter at Patna is being upgraded to 2 × 3 KW FM Transmitter. The Scheme is targetted for completion by 1999-2000. This will provide FM coverage to part of Chapra district.

Fax Machines in U.P.

2831. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fax machines in operation in Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether licences have been issued for the operation of these machines;

(c) whether the Post Offices in Manakapur area in Gonda district has not been provided with any fax machines;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The No. of FAX machine in operation in Gonda District of UP during the last three years are as follows:

1996-97	05
1997-98	31
1998-99	41 (As on 30.11.1998)

(b) Yes, Sir Wherever applicable.

(c) Yes, Sir. No FAX has been provided in Post Offices in Gonda Distt.

(d) As a Policy of the dept. Bureau fax services are provided only in independent telegraph Offices and Telecom Centres.

(e) Bureau fax facility will be provided as and when the Telegraph facility is upgraded to the status of independent Telegraph Offices based on norms.