

estimated cost of the proposal is Rs. 346.5 crore. The Ministry of Water Resources have not taken any decision on the proposal.

[*Translation*]

Power Plants by Enron

1699. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up power plants to generate electricity upto 10000 MW have been received from the American multinational company, Enron Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places where these plants would be set up; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed gas fired power plants are to be set up in different locations, which have not been indicated.

(c) A Standing Independent Group having acknowledged experts in power and finance under the Chairmanship of Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Retired Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India had been set up in 1997 to establish parameters for negotiation of power projects proposed to be set up by foreign agencies/companies. The modalities for setting up these projects are being finalised.

[*English*]

Light Trainer Aircraft Hansa-3

1700. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY :
SHRI RAMANAND SINGH :
SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a successful trial of Light-Trainer-Aircraft Hansa-3 manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore, has been conducted recently;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to start the commercial production of this aircraft;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the expected cost of production of this aircraft has been estimated; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The inaugural test flight of the Light Trainer Aircraft HANSA-3 Prototype II was carried out on the 11 May, 1998 successfully. This Aircraft is a prototype designed, developed and manufactured by National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore and not by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

(b) Yes sir.

(c) The commercial production of this aircraft is likely to be taken up towards end of 1998 by a private sector company based in Bangalore.

(d) Yes sir.

(e) The expected cost of production is Rs. 30 lakh per aircraft.

Construction of Zuari Bridge

1701. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the existing Zuari Bridge in Goa needs major repairs;

(b) whether the Government proposes to construct a new Zuari Bridge on BOT basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to construct a new Zuari Bridge on BOT (Build, Operate & Transfer) basis.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Recruitment in Nehru Yuva Kendras

1702. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: