

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:

(a) whether the Government have received any information regarding the irregularities in the recruitment of co-ordinators in Nehru Yuva Kendras;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether even after the interview of candidates in November, no appointments have been so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI UMA BHARATI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Certain complaints have been received about the alleged irregularities in the process of selection of Youth Co-ordinator. These are being inquired into.

(c) and (d) No appointment of Youth Co-ordinators has been made by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan as the sanction of posts is yet to be received from the Ministry of Finance.

[English]

Shortage of Power in Andhra Pradesh

1703. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Andhra Pradesh additional 400 MW of power will be made available during the next summer;

(b) if so, the total power produced in the State at present;

(c) the extent to which it is less in comparison to its demand; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the power situation in the State to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Andhra Pradesh has been allocated 150 MW out of unallocated quota from NTPC stations in Eastern Region and availing this assistance on 220 KV Balimela-Upper Sileru line. 500 MW power could be supplied from Eastern Region on completion of 400 KV Jeypore-Gazuwaka D/C line with HVDC back to back terminal at Gazuwaka scheduled to be commissioned by March, 1999 and completion of some 400 KV lines in Southern Region and APSEB installing about 1300 MVAR shunt capacitors in their system. However, on commissioning of 400 KV Jeypore-Gazuwaka D/C line without HVDC terminal, which is expected by June/July,

1998, total upto 320 MW power could flow from Eastern Region to Andhra Pradesh including the present supply of 150 MW provided APSEB completes the identified transmission and distribution lines in their system.

(b) In the month of April, 1998 the total energy produced in AP system including purchases from IPPs is detailed below :

Generation from APSEB's hydel stations	408,046 MU
Generation from APSEB's thermal stations	1731,435 MU
Relief from Vijeswaram Gas Station	149,892 MU
Purchase from IPPs (including Captive generation)	270,591 MU
Total	2559,964 MU

(c) During April, 1998 the requirement of power in Andhra Pradesh was about 3600 MU and availability was about 3100 MU (this is inclusive of assistance from ER and WR).

(d) Andhra Pradesh has already been allocated 22.5% power from the unallocated quota in Central Sector stations in Southern Region and 150 MW from NTPC stations in Eastern Region. In addition, Andhra Pradesh is also being provided assistance of around 300 MW power from Western Region during off-peak hours. Also a new power plant at Simadhri of total capacity 1000 MW is being set up by NTPC in Andhra Pradesh and likely to be commissioned in 2001-02.

New University in North Orissa

1704. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has approved the proposal of the Government of Orissa to open a new university in North Orissa; and

(b) if so, the present position regarding implementation of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), no proposal for establishment of a new University in North Orissa has been received by the Commission from Government of Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.