

selected and the criteria for their selection, State-wise;

(c) the estimated investment and power generation expected from the private sector;

(d) whether Government would be having any control over the tariff to be charged and the area of operation of these companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). In view of the steadily increasing requirements for power and the shortage of the resources inhibiting public sector power utilities, the Government have taken a decision to encourage greater private sector participation in power generation, supply and distribution provided private sector bring in additionally of resources to the power sector. A number of private parties have evinced interest but no detailed proposal has been received.

(d) and (e). As per the guidelines issued in this regard, the private parties could participate either as 'Licences' or as 'Generating Companies'. The tariff and area of operation would be finalised as provided for in the Electricity Legislation and the guidelines which stipulate determination of tariff based on operation parameters to be laid down by the Government.

[Translation]

Identification of Industry of Foreign Equity Participation

*9. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN:
SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identi-

fied the industries in which foreign companies would be allowed 40 per cent equity participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether industries operating in non-priority sector and those manufacturing consumer goods are to be excluded from this list?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Vayudoot Services to Falka

*10. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to link Falka with Vayudoot services in view of the development of Ranakpur;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the future plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

Collapse of Power Supply in Eastern Region

*11. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI NANI BHAT-
TACHARYA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: