(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The increase in the fuel surcharge component of the domestic fare structure of both Indian Airlines and Vavudoot Limited has been at the same rate. The increased amount of fuel surcharge works out to 15.7% on the total pre-revised domestic Rupee fare.

(c) Does not arise.

Privatisation of Power Generation

8690. SHRI BANWARI LAL PURO-HIT: SHRI K.S. RAO: SHRI PRAKASH KOKO **BRAHMBHATT:** SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ASSOCHAM has urged for the early finalisation of the recommendations of Government expert committee on participation of the private sector in power generation:
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the expert committee in this regard;
- (c) when Government propose to take final decision in this regard;
- (d) whether the shortfall of power is likely to be reduced considerably by the entry of private sector in power generation by the end of Eighth Plan; and
 - (e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (e). "Energy Scene in India: Problems and Prospects"--a monograph by ASSOCHAM has been received highlighting the Private Sector's participation in power generation. The question of encouraging private sector participation in power generation has been under the consideration of the Government, keeping in view the constraint of resources in regard to the installation of additional generating capacity commensurate with the growing requirements of power in the country. The modalities for implementing the scheme have been worked out and are at an advanced stage of consideration.

Rural Electrification in Uttar Pradesh

8691. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of villages in the Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency and how many of them have been electrified; and
- (b) when the remaining villages are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The information of village electrification is not maintained Parliamentary Constituency-wise. However, out of the total 3245 inhabited villages, 2873 villages have been electrified upto February. 1990 in the Jaunpur district of Uttar Pradesh in which the Saidpur Parliamentary Constituency falls.

(b) All the remaining un-electrified villages of the Jaunpur district are likely to be electrified in the Eighth Five Year Plan subject to availability of necessary funds and other inputs.