

(b) Losses have been mainly due to high rate of depreciation and low deployment due to low serviceability of helicopters particularly Westlands, shortage of qualified manpower and non-availability of spares in time.

(c) The Company does not have any liquidity problem.

(d) to (g). Efforts are on to meet the shortage of manpower and for improving availability of spares. Further, two Committees—one to examine the serviceability and safety aspects of Westland Helicopters in the fleet of Pawan Hans Limited and the other to go into the aspects relating to the purchase—have been constituted by the Government. Specific measures, as deemed necessary, are taken to improve the working of the Company. There is no proposal at present to amalgamate Pawan Hans Limited with Vayudoot Limited.

[*Translation*]

#### **Availability of Hydel Power Production Capacity in Uttar Pradesh**

8848. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made of the hydel power production capacity in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the capacity proposed to be exploited during the Eighth Plan;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for purpose; and

(d) if so, the project-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A capacity addition of 259.4 M.W. from hydroelectric Projects is envisaged during the Eighth Plan period.

(c) and (d). The Eighth Plan outlay for power sector has not been finalised.

#### **Setting up of cement unit in Pithoragarh District, Uttar Pradesh**

8849. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the deposits of lime stone in Pithoragarh District of Uttar Pradesh for production of cement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for setting up a cement factory based on lime stone there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the alternative measures being for exploitation of these deposits?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Inventory on Cement Grade Limestone Deposits in India, compiled by National Council for Cement and Building Materials, indicates 15 million tonnes of measured and 93 million tonnes of inferred grade of limestone in District Pithoragarh.

(c) to (e). At present, one mini cement plant for a capacity of 16,500 TPA is under implementation at Pithoragarh District. No other application has been received for setting up cement plant in Pithoragarh District.

#### **Setting up of Mini Hydel Plants in Hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh**

8850. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: