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Installation of Category-III Instrument Landing System at Delhi Airport

*10. SHRI L.K. ADVANI: SHRI ANAND SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to instal Category-III Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Delhi Airport for blind landing;
- (b) if so, when and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (c) the names of other major airports which have or are proposed to be provided with this facility and by when;
- (d) whether there have been losses due to lack of facility for blind landing; and
- (e) if so, the details thereon in each of the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTEROF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The Category-II Instrument Landing System will become fully operational at Delhi airport by winter of 1991 with the training of the pilots of Indian Airlines in using the system. Further upgradation of the system to Category-III level will arise after experience has been gained in the operation and maintenance of the Category-II system. A project for modernisation of the Delhi and Bombay airports is under the active consideration of the Government.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Coal Based Power Plants in Maharashtra

- *11. SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of coal based power plants in Maharashtra State;

- (b) the monthly requirement of coal for these power plants;
- (c) whether the quantity of coal supplied to power plants is adequate; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by Government to supply coal to power plants as per their requirement to avoid power breakdown in that State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTEROF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). The total number of coal based power plants in Maharashtra is seven (7). The average monthly requirement of coal for power generation at these plants during the year 1989-90 was assessed at 13,14,000 tonnes, against which the estimated average monthly supplies during the period April, 1989 to February, 1990 has been 12,92,000 tonnes. The coal supply to these power stations is being continuously monitored by the concerned agencies.

Hike in Drug Prices

- *12. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMI-CALS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been hike in drug prices during the last two years:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the price controlled/ essential drugs that have been in short supply during the last six months and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) how Government propose to bring down the prices of essential drugs/controlled drugs, reduce margin of profit on non-controlled drugs and ensure easy availability of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) to (d). The prices of certain drugs have gone up as in the case of