

(a) whether workers in the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. Udyogmandal, Kerala are subjected to fatal radiations from radio active substances they handle;

(b) has any cancer death occurred due to these radiations; and

(c) if so, how many workers died due to cancer in the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Capacity Utilisation in Air India and Indian Airlines

\*476. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Airlines not using full capacity' appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of 21 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the facts about utilisation of capacity of Air-India and Indian Airlines last year; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to use the full capacity of Air India and Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The aircraft utilisation typewise in Air India during the year 1984-85 was as follows :

Boeing 747	3792 hrs.
A300 B4	3117 hrs.
Boeing 707	2088 hrs.

During the same period the utilisation in Indian Airlines was as follows :—

Airbus	2627 hrs.
Boeing 737	2699 hrs.
F 27	2232 hrs.
HS 748	2007 hrs.

(c) The average utilisation of aircraft by Air India and Indian Airlines compares favourably with the industry average. It is, however, the constant endeavour of the two airlines to optimise the utilisation of their aircraft.

#### Western Ghats Development Scheme

\*477. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Ghats Development Scheme is being implemented;

(b) if so, the total amount allotted for this scheme and how much has been spent so far; and

(c) what are the different schemes submitted by the concerned States for Western Ghats region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The Western Ghats Development Programme is being implemented from 1974-75.

The total allocation so far for the programme is Rs 103.83 crores. As against this the expenditure is expected to be Rs 102.03 crores.

The Bulk of the schemes implemented by the concerned States viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Union Territory of Goa relate to the sectors of agricultural,

horticulture, forestry, soil conservation, miners irrigation and roads. Some schemes for the development of Khadi & Village industries (mainly bee-keeping), sericulture and animal husbandry including dairy development have also been implemented. In keeping with policy of eco-conservation and eco-development which will now govern the schemes for hill area development, some of the States have also taken up integrated development of water-sheds in Western Ghats area, during the last 2 years of Sixth Plan

#### Income from Tourists Visiting Tajmahal

\*478. SHRI APPAYYA DORA HANUMANTU : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the income from the tourists who visited the Tajmahal during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) the amount spent for the maintenance of Tajmahal during that period;

(c) whether the maintenance of Tajmahal is in bad condition; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps being taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The income of the Department from the tourists who visited the Taj Mahal is as follows :

1983-84	Rs. 5,50,492.50
1984-85	Rs. 5,64,615.00

(b) The amount spent on the maintenance of Taj Mahal during the period is as follows :

1983-84	Rs. 10,40,316
1984-85	Rs. 10,49,407

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### "Telugu-Ganga Project"

\*479. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY  
SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the findings of the visit of six member expert team of the Department of Environment to the project sites of 600 crore Telugu-Ganga Project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken on such findings ?

The PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) the findings of the Expert Team of the Department of Environment regarding Telugu-Ganga Project, AP include :

- (1) a survey of the critically degraded areas in the catchments of the 3 balancing reservoirs should be carried out to prepare treatment plan which should be implemented concurrently with the engineering project;
- (2) The command area development programme should be detailed to ensure that the irrigation potential created by the project is optimally utilised and the problems of water-logging and salinity can be prevented;
- (3) Compensatory afforestation, including irrigated plantations through lift irrigation wherever possible, should be taken up as time targetted programme to off-set the loss of almost 10,000 hectares of mostly dry deciduous forests.
- (4) Rehabilitation of 26 affected villages should be undertaken as per an overall Master Plan rather than simple payment of monetary compensation;
- (5) To control incidence of water borne epidemics, a Vector