

(c) whether more flights are proposed to be introduced between Trivandrum/Calicut and Gulf countries ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) With the introduction of new currency system with effect from 1-7-1989, the Trivandrum-Dubai fare has been specified at Rs. 4,454/-. Under the old system this would have gone upto Rs. 5,327/- and would have varied with exchange rate.

Discontinuation of flight from Delhi to Trivandrum via Cochin

619. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines have discontinued the flights from New Delhi to Trivandrum via Cochin ; and

(b) whether it is proposed to reschedule ICs 467/468 to operate between New Delhi-Goa-Calicut-Cochin?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Progress in Tehri Dam Project

620. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has duly sanctioned Tehri Dam Project now being undertaken by the Uttar Pradesh Government ;

(b) if so, what is the present stage of construction of the Dam and what will be approximate cost on completion ;

(c) whether there is any controversy over the compensation to be paid to the displaced persons ; and

(d) whether Government have cleared the project from the point of view of environment?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The Planning Commission had approved in June, 1972, the Tehri Dam Project, with installed capacity of 600 MW, for being executed as a State project. Subsequently, in November, 1986, it was decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Complex (2400MW) as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Infrastructural works, construction of four diversion tunnels, and approach adits to the underground Power House cavern have been completed ; the river was diverted in November, 1989 through the Right Bank Diversion Tunnels. Excavation of four Head Race Tunnels is completed and lining work is in progress. The clearance of river bed for Cofferdam foundation has been in progress. The estimated cost of construction of Tehri Dam Project with an installed generating capacity of 1000 MW (Stage-I of the Complex) is Rs. 1473 crores.

(c) Compensation package for the oustees has been devised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and all the affected families are being paid compensation accordingly. No controversy over the compensation paid to the displaced persons has been reported by the State Government.

(d) The Government cleared the project in November, 1986 after thorough assessment of the impact of the project on environment and after it was found that the adverse