these select programmes. However, the primary responsibility for implementation of these identified programmes and their appropriate monitoring and follow up action remains with Ministries/Departments concerned.

Private sector in nuclear power sector

2562. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether organisation like Federation of India Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has come out with a strong plea for allowing private companies in nuclear power sector;
 - (b) if so, the precise submission proposal and projects made out to help them; and
 - (c) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in its Working Group Report on Civil Nuclear Energy (2009), *inter alia*, suggested certain amendments to the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to enable private sector participation.

(c) For the present, participation of Indian private sector in nuclear power generation projects will continue to be guided by the existing provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

Adoption of schools under Public Private Partnership

†2563. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has proposed to adopt schools under Public Private Partnership model in a recent conference of secondary education secretaries;
 - (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
 - (c) the reaction of the States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) The National Development Council (NDC) approved Eleventh Five Year Plan envisage setting up of 6000 Model Schools in two distinct streams. The first stream will consist of 3500 public funded schools in Educationally Backward Blocks. The second stream of about 2500 schools would be set up through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in other blocks. The Government of India has already approved setting up of 3500 Model Schools to be fully funded by the Government sector in partnership with the States in Educationally Backward Blocks

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the country. The Government has also accorded 'in principle' approval for setting up of 2500 Model Schools in PPP mode and the modalities for which are to be worked out by the Ministry of HRD in consultation with the Planning Commission and other stakeholders. The Ministry of HRD has already placed some key elements of Model Schools on its official web-site for facilitating wider dissemination and consultation process. Various models of PPP have been under consideration and these have been discussed under different forums including CABE, State Ministers' Conference, State Secretaries' Meetings, Round Table on School Education etc. A sub- group of the Round Table had also deliberated on PPP Model Schools and submitted a report to the Ministry of HRD.

Infrastructure growth

2564. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that infrastructure growth is key to India's future;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this direction in the Eleventh Plan, Statewise; and
 - (c) the road map prepared for the remaining Eleventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The fast growth of the economy in recent years has placed increasing stress on physical infrastructure such as electricity, railways, roads, ports, airports, irrigation, and urban and rural water supply and sanitation, all of which already suffer from a substantial deficit from the past in terms of capacities as well as efficiencies in the delivery of critical infrastructure services. The pattern of inclusive growth of the economy projected for the Eleventh Five Year Plan, with GDP growth averaging 9% per year can be achieved only if this infrastructure deficit can be overcome and adequate investment takes place to support higher growth and an improved quality of life for both urban and rural communities.

(b) The investment projected in each of the ten major physical infrastructure sectors over the Eleventh Five Year Plan Period is as follows:

| | | Rs. crore at 2006-07 price |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| S1. | Sectors | Projected |
| No | | Investment |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Electricity (incl. NCE) | 6,66,525 |
| 2. | Roads and Bridges | 3,14,152 |
| 3. | Telecommunication | 2,58,439 |
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