

payment by consumers are credited and the payment liability to the IPP is the first charge on this account.

(c) Linking Power generation with distribution.

(d) Escrow arrangement backed with central devolution at the request of State Governments' to RBI.

(e) World Bank Guarantee.

Of the above alternatives, Government have advised the States to explore alternatives (a) to (c) and some of the States have already structured private power projects based on these alternatives or combination thereof.

[Translation]

Attack on Indian Airlines Office in Lahore

129. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines office in Lahore was attacked recently;

(b) if so, the details of the loss of life and property due to the attack;

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with Pakistan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof the reaction of Government of Pakistan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b). On 31.10.1995, a group of about 40 miscreants armed with sticks forcibly entered the Indian Airlines office in Lahore, and smashed the front door, rear door and glass windows. No personnel was hurt.

(c) and (d). Government have lodged a protest with Pakistan through the diplomatic channels expressing serious concern at the attack. It has been emphasized that Government of Pakistan must provide necessary protection to the Indian Airlines office to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

Pakistan has informed that the concerned authorities have been instructed to take the necessary security measures for the purpose.

Performance of State Roadways Transport Corporations

*130. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRI BRISHIN PATEL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether suggestions have been given to the Government by the Transport Research Wing to improve the performance of the State roadways Transport Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARAMURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) i) Improvement of productivity by better management and control.

ii) Improvement of maintenance facilities and thereby resulting in improved fuel efficiency.

iii) Appropriate tariff revision and

iv) Containment of staff.

(c) Necessary instructions/guidelines have been issued from time to time to various SRTC's for improving their performances.

[English]

Elections to Panchayats

131. SHRI VJOY KUMAR YADAV :
SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI SHAILENDRA MAHTO :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether elections to panchayats have been completed throughout the country after constitutional amendment;

(b) if so, the names of State where elections are yet to be held;