

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). The Canadian Minister of National Revenue and Small Business had made a courtesy call on the Union Minister of Defence during his visit to India in January, 1979. Reference did arise in the course of the discussions to certain areas of possible Canadian interest in the field of aviation, with special reference to our Defence needs for transport aircraft. However, no specific issues such as joint ventures in the aircraft industry between the two countries were discussed during the meeting.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Proposal to have a Super Power Transmitter for A.I.R.

1166. **SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:**

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:

SHRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN:

Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are considering a proposal to have a super power transmitter for A.I.R.;

(b) if so, when the same is likely to be set up;

(c) the total cost of expenditure involved; and

(d) whether India is also planning to have long-wave for broadcasting in addition to broadcasting by micro-waves through geo-stationary satellites?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). It is proposed to set up a 1000 KW medium wave transmitter during the Sixth Plan period at an estimated cost of Rs. 6 crores.

(d) At present there is no proposal to start long-wave or microwave (satellite) broadcasting in India.

Power Shortage in Delhi

1167. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:**

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of **ENERGY** be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Delhi faces frequent power shortages and power failures and is subject to considerable load-shedding;

(b) what are the reasons for the same;

(c) whether any plans, both short-term and long-term, have been drawn up to remedy the situation; and

(d) details thereof and the progress made in the implementation of the plans?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Delhi does not face frequent power shortage. There is adequate capacity to meet the demand. Power requirements of Delhi are met by generation from the power stations of Delhi Electric Supply Undertakings and Badarpur Thermal Power Station and by import from neighbouring systems. In an unlikely event, however, of multiple outages of generating units at I. P. Station and Badarpur, some power shortage is experienced and on such occasions, efforts are made to meet the shortfall by import of power from the neighbouring power systems and some load-shedding may have to be done for short durations only.

(c) and (d). In order to meet the future power requirements of Delhi new additional generating capacity is being added. A 210 MW thermal generating unit has been recently commissioned at Badarpur thermal power station. Another unit of 210 MW is under installation at Badarpur and is likely to be commissioned by 1981-82.