

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for starting Helicopter services in inaccessible regions of Chadh, Dhadh and Nubra in Ladakh;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to start Helicopter services in Ladakh?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Helicopters in the fleet of Pawan Hans Limited are not suitable for operation at such high altitudes.

[English]

#### Price Hike to Catering Items

1980. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway catering services have hiked steeply the prices of food packets etc;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to withdraw the hike in prices; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There has been no increase in the prices of standard meals/breakfast and tea/coffee in cups. However, some zonal railways made some increase in the prices of instant coffee and a few a-la-carte-items.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The increase in the prices is considered reasonable keeping in view the increase in costs.

#### Objection to Air Taxi Operation

1981. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:  
SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian airlines employees have objected to the operation of private air taxi service; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor and reaction of Government to their suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Union/Associations of the Indian Airlines employees are of the opinion that this would undermine the position of Indian Airlines in the domestic sector. The Government is of the opinion that Indian Airlines will continue to be the dominant domestic carrier. Air Taxi Scheme was conceived following the recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee, and has its own role. Government also expect Public Sector Undertakings to be efficient, competitive and responsive to consumers.

[Translation]

#### Hydro-Electric Projects of Himachal Pradesh

1982. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hydro-electric power projects in Himachal Pradesh in respect of which survey is being conducted and the names of projects which have been approved by Union Government:

(b) the project-wise amount released by Union Government this year, project-wise;

(c) when the survey work for Paravati project was started;

(d) the amount released by Union Government therefor; and

(e) the amount released against its demand this year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES  
AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The details of Hydro-electric Projects in Himachal Pradesh in respect of which survey is being conducted and have been approved by Union Government are given below.

(b) So far no amount has been released during the financial year of 1990-91.

(c) 1969.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) does not arise in view of (b) above.

### STATEMENT

List of the hydro-electric schemes under execution and Survey 7 Investigation in Himachal Pradesh as on May, 1990.

#### A. Hydro-electric Schemes under execution in Himachal Pradesh.

<i>Name of Scheme</i>	<i>Installed Capacity (MW)</i>
1. Larji	3x42=126
2. Uhl II	4x17.5=70
3. Ghanvi	3x7.5=22.5
4. Gaj	3x3.5=10.5
5. Baner	3x4=12
6. Thiroit	3x1.5=4.5
7. SVP-Bhaba Aug. Project	-
8. Nathpa Jhakri	6x250=1500
9. Chamera St. I	3x180=540

**B. HEPs under Survey & Investigation (Medium & Large) in Himachal Pradesh**

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of H.E. Project</i>	<i>Proposed Installed Capacity (MW)</i>
1.	Renuka Dam HEP	40
2.	Duhangan HEP	24
3.	Basps HEP ST. I	150
4.	Parvati St. I HEP	750
5.	Parvati St. II HEP	800
6.	Malana HEP	60
7.	Gyspa HEP	240
8.	Karchan Wangto	600
9.	Allian HEP	50
10.	Hibra Dam HEP	240
11.	Dhamwari Sunda HEP	60
12.	Rampur Hydrel Scheme	600
13.	Budhil HEP	81
14.	Chhatru Dam	275
15.	Sunni HEP	225
16.	Pabbar HEP (Tongu Dhamvari)	60
17.	Sale HEP	165
18.	Reoli	500
19.	Bardang	115
20.	Moji Dam	350
21.	Rampur Behna	400
22.	Song Tong Karcham	200
23.	Thopan Powari	220
24.	Jangi Tapovan	175
25.	Kullu HEP	42
26.	Gharopa HEP	32
27.	Gandherni HEP	18
28.	Machhetri HEP	100
29.	Khalooha Dogri Kudi	120