

rural electrification in Bihar during the Seventh Plan;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of villages electrified in Eastern and Western Champaran districts during the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, against the target of 12493, Bihar State Electricity Board has electrified 12724 villages during the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90).

(c) The number of villages electrified in East and West Champaran districts during the 7th Plan upto January, 1990 is 280 and 333 respectively.

[English]

#### **Cancellation of Trivandrum-Gulf Flight**

8719. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India flights between Trivandrum-Gulf countries have been cancelled several times without prior notice to the passengers;

(b) if so, how many times this cancellation has taken place since 1 January, 1990;

(c) the reasons for the cancellation of these flights; and

(d) the arrangements made for the passengers stay and alternate journey, when the flights are cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). During the

period 1.1.90 to 1.5.90, only four Air India flights between Trivandrum and Gulf countries were cancelled. Out of the four, one flight was cancelled due to commercial reasons and the other three due to Engineering problems.

(d) Whenever Air India flights are re-scheduled/cancelled, due to unavoidable reasons, passengers are transferred on other flights of Air India or other carriers to minimise inconvenience. Hotel accommodation/meals/refreshments are also provided, whenever, necessary.

#### **Transmission Line from Chandrapur to Ramagundam**

8720. SHRI RAJAMOZHANA REDDY:  
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:  
SHRI P. NARSA REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 400 kw double circuit transmission line from Chandrapur to Ramagundam is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) the time schedule for the completion of this line;

(c) whether the early completion of this line will help Andhra Pradesh in obtaining surplus power from the Western Region during peak hours; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) A 400 KV double circuit transmission line (360 ckt. kms) from Chandrapur to Ramagundam is under execution by the National Thermal Power Corporation as part of the Central Transmission Project-I.