

investigation in Himachal Pradesh as indicated by the HPSEB are given in the statement below. A lump sum outlay of Rs. 50 lakhs for survey and investigation of hydro-electric projects has been provided in the State Plan for 1990-91.

(d) A request has been received from

the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Maheshwar Singh requesting a Central assistance of Rs. 80 lakhs for the investigation of Parvati Hydroelectric Project during 1990-91. The Central Assistance for survey and investigation of hydro-electric projects for the year 1990-91 is being finalised.

STATEMENT

Hydro-electric Schemes under Investigation in Himachal Pradesh

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Scheme</i>	<i>Capacity (MW)</i>
1	2	3
1.	Baspa Stage-I	150
2.	Parvati St.-I	750
3.	Parvati State-II	800
4.	Malana HEP	60
5.	Gyspa HEP	240
6.	Duhangan	24
7.	Karcham Wangtöö	600
8.	Allian HEP	100
9.	Hibra	240
10.	Sawra Kuddu	86

Commercial Helicopter Service in Himachal Pradesh

2076. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many beautiful places in the tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether tourism would get a boost by linking those places through commercial helicopter service; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI

HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c). Pawan Hans Limited does not operate scheduled commercial helicopter service nor does it propose to do so in the near future.

**Suspension of Dornier Air Services
from Delhi to Kullu**

2077. SHRIMAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dornier air services from Delhi to Kullu via Shimla have been suspended; and

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dornier operations between Shimla and Kulu have been suspended w.e.f. 3rd December, 1990 due to inadequate load during the winter.

Financial Assistance for Larji Hydro-Electric Project In Himachal Pradesh

2078. SHRIMAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum for adequate allocation of financial assistance for the construction of Larji hydro-electric projects in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b). Requirement of funds for Larji Hydro-electric Project was

discussed with the State Government in the Working Group of Planning Commission. An outlay of Rs. 500 lakhs for 1991-92 and Rs. 10,000 lakhs during the 8th Plan has been recommended for the Project by the Working Group. The Ministry of Finance has been requested to pose this project for OECF or other external assistance.

[English]

**Fire at Kadamparai power station in
Madras**

2079. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out at 400 Kw hydel power station at Kadamparai (Madras) on 19 October, 1990;

(b) if so, the causes of the fire and the estimated loss of property;

(c) whether any enquiry has since been made; and

(d) the time by which the above power station is likely to work smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the preliminary investigations carried out by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the fire originated on bursting of the 220 KV cable pot head on blue phase single phase transformer of Unit IV, consequent to which 1800 litres of transformer oil caught fire. The loss has been estimated at Rs. 4.92 crores.

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