Hyderabad-Vishakhapatnam Air Service

*254. Shri Rami Reddy: Shri Osman Ali Khan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to stop Air Service between Hyderabad and Vishakhapatnam;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has represented that the service may be retained: and
 - (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). Because of the poor traffic on the Hyderabad-Vishakhapatnam Sector and the consequent recurring loss being sustained by the Indian Airlines Corporation, the Corporation have under consideration the proposal to discontinue the service.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The matter is under correspondence between the Corporation and the State Government.

Communications in Orissa

*255. Shri Chintamoni Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any assessment has been made in respect of the loss caused to the National Highways, roads and bridges damaged in Orisa due to recent heavy floods in that State;
- (b) if so, the estimated amount of loss;
- (c) whether any officer of the Central Government went on Orissa to discuss this problem with the State Government;
- (d) whether the Government of India is giving any assistance to the State Government for repairing the

road communications disrupted in Orissa by the floods; and

(e) if so, what amount?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. Sir.

- (b) Rs. 30 lakhs.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) and (e). The Ministry of Transport and Communications will defray the cost of repairing, restoring, etc. of National Highways damaged by the floods.

Export of Locomotives

Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
*256.
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 170 on the 5th August, 1960 and state:

- (a) whether any avenues have since been investigated for the export of Indian lcomotives; and
- (b) if so, the nature of success achieved?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Birth Control and Family Planning in Delhi

*257. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration proposes to introduce an extensive programme for bith control and family planning in the Union Territory; and