

taken by the Government to complete the project in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAJ): (a) The actual construction work of Renjt Sagar (Thein) Dam Project was started in the year 1985-86.

(b) The latest cost of the project as intimated by the project authorities is Rs.1558.22 crores (October, 1990 price level). The expenditure incurred on this project till 5/92 is Rs. 896.62 crores.

(c) and (d). The project was originally planned to be completed in 7-8 years time, but original project schedule was badly upset on account of the ravage caused by the unprecedented floods in 1988. As per the latest revised commissioning schedule, the power units of the project are scheduled for commissioning during 1997-98.

(e) The progress of this project is being reviewed at high level meetings in the Union Government and appropriate measures are being taken from time to time to ensure the early completion of project.

[English]

Grounding of Airbus A-300 at Nagpur Airport

3806. SHRI MUKUL BHLKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appeared in Indian Express, dated June 26, 1992 regarding grounding of Airbus A-300 at Nagpur airport with passengers:

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to improve the infrastructural facilities at Nagpur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The aircraft operating IC-539 of 24.6.1992 from Madras to Delhi was grounded at Nagpur at 2340 hours due to a technical snag. For rectification of the snag, men and material were sent from Bombay on 25.6.1992. The delayed flight reached Delhi at 0530 hours on 26.6.1992.

(c) There is a proposal to develop Nagpur airport. This includes expansion of terminal building, extension of runway, provision of latest landing aids and other operational infrastructural facilities.

Development of Places of Pilgrimage

3807. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed any Committee to select the pilgrim centres for development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places selected by the said Committee, State-wise;

(c) whether the Committee has recently visited Katra, Vaishnodevi (J&K); and

(d) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee and the action taken/pro-

posed to be taken by the Government thereon?

(c) Yes, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). A Committee has been constituted to develop selected pilgrim centres for tourism in the country. The selected places are indicated in the enclosed statement.

(d) The Committee has suggested to extend financial assistance to the State Govt. for construction of a yatri niwas at Bhavan, pilgrim sheds at Katra and publicity support. The projects/schemes with detailed estimates are yet to be received from the State Government.

STATEMENT

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Centre/Place</i>
1	2	3
1.	Assam	Kamakhya
2.	Bihar	Bodhgaya and Patna Saheb
3.	Gujarat	Dwarka, Pallitana & Odwada (near Vapi)
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Paonta Saheb and Jawalajil
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Mata Valshno Devi
6.	Karnataka	Sringeri and Gulbarga
7.	Kerala	Guruvayur
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain
9.	Maharashtra	Shirdi (Nasik), Nanded and Jotiba (Kolhapur)
10.	Orissa	Jagannath Puri
11.	Rajasthan	Ajmer Shareef

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12.	Tamil Nadu	Rameshwaram
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Badrinat andhirculit comprising of Baran Nandgaon-Gokul- mathura Brindaban- Gowardhan