

There is no time. Would the Minister like to reply ?

(Interruptions)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Damages Claimed by Air India

*269. SHRI SANDI HAMBHAGWAN THORAT:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

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 appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated June 22, 1992 regarding damages claimed by Air India from Airbus industries, France;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Corrosion has been found in some of the A - 310-300 aircraft of Air India. The investigations revealed that the corrosion was inter granular/explication on the horizontal pressure panel. Air India is pursuing its claim with Airbus Industry.

Loss in Vaydoot

*270. SHRI RAM KAPSE:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

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

(a) the total loss suffered by the Vaydoot till June 1992; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce the losses and make it economically viable and profit-earning?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) Vaydoot has incurred an estimated cumulative loss of Rs. 168.40 crores from its inception in 1981.

(b) Rationalisation of routes and fares, redeployment of surplus staff in other organisations and reduction in maintenance cost of aircraft are some of the measures taken to improve the viability of Vaydoot operations.

Industrial Accidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

*271. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial accidents during the last three years in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the number of human lives lost;

(b) the reasons therefor and the total loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken to protect life and property and to prevent to recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The first major unit of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP, viz. Coke Oven Battery, was commissioned in September, 1989. The details of industrial accidents in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years are as follows:-