

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the airports where the number of flights has decreased/ increased during the above period;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide air link to Gaya and both Gaya in the near future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). Air services to Patna, Ranchi and Jamshedpur have been maintained throughout the period. Services to Gaya and Dhanbad, introduced in 1988-89, were withdrawn from 1990-91 due to inadequate traffic.

Indian Airlines has increased capacity on the Delhi-Patna-Ranchi-Calcutta Sector by substituting B-737 aircraft with A-320 during 1991-92

Services between Patna-Ahmedabad, Patna-Guwahati, Patna-Kathmandu and Patna-Jamshedpur were discontinued between 1990 and 1992. Service between Patna and Lucknow has been withdrawn in 1993. Air link between Patna and Varanasi was discontinued in 1988-89, re-introduced for 3 months in 1991 and withdrawn again. Services to Patna from Kanpur and Allahabad were introduced in 1989-90, and withdrawn in the succeeding year, while services to Gorakhpur were introduced in 1990-91 and withdrawn in 1991-92. All these services were withdrawn owing to poor traffic.

Air link between Ranchi and Rourkela introduced in 1988-89, was withdrawn in 1990-91 owing to inadequate traffic. Ranchi was linked with Bombay in 1991-92. How-

ever flights in Bombay-Patna-Ranchi-Bombay sector are temporarily suspended for operational reasons following the recent strike by pilots of Indian Air lines.

(d) and (e). Gaya cannot accept any Indian Airlines aircraft. Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot is not in a position to air link Gaya for the present. Both Gaya does not have any airfield.

Indigenous Telephone Equipments

*368. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have utilised to communication facilities and equipments developed in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years; and

(c) the names of the foreign equipments replaced by indigenous equipments during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, in the last three years, all small and medium capacity exchanges are being provided on the C-DOT/ITI designs. In the case of transmission equipment, the 2/15 Radio system is being utilised for providing Rural Panchayat PTs. There are also a number of other small items indigenously developed for use in the network.

Replacement of equipment is a continuous process depending on life expiry of equipment and indigenously developed equipment is utilised for this, if it is of appropriate capacity.

A list of important indigenously developed equipments is given below:

1. **Switching**
 C-DOT designed Digital Exchanges:
 128 P RAX
 256 P RAX
 C-DOT 512 P Single Base Module (SBM)
 C-DOT Multi-Base Module (MBM)
 C-DOT SBM TAX
 GRAMEEN-EX
 ITI designed digital exchanges
 MILT-64
 ILT 512 P/ 2048 P
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2. **Transmission.**

- (i) Microwave radio equipments in 2 GHz band.
- (ii) UHF radio equipments analogue and digital in 400 MHz and 600 MHz bands.
- (iii) Multiplexing equipments and other allied items.
- (iv) Multi acces Rural Radio Systems.
- (v) Single Channel VHF.

Narmada Sagar Project

*369. SHRI DILEEP SINGH DHURIA:
 SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Sagar, Onkareswar and Haheswar projects under Narmada Sagar Project in Madhya Pradesh are likely to be completed during the Eiighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred so far and the budgetary provision made for completion of these projects; and

(c) whether the Government are considering to formulate some other alternative schemes of low cost for these areas during this period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):(a) No, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.