

(c) The sponsoring agencies like the Task Force under the DICs carry out only preliminary interview for selection of the applicants and sponsored the applications to the banks for disposal. The bank branches are required to take a decision on each application on the merits of each case after considering the viability and bankability of the project of each applicant, having regard to locational aspects, eligibility of the borrowers, etc.

(d) As per the information collected by the Office of the DC (SSI) from the Government of Madhya Pradesh the applications rejected by banks during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 upto 31st January, 1996 are as under:-

Year	Applications rejected by banks
1993-94	Not Available
1994-95	8,313
1995-96 (As on 31.1.1996)	1,027

(e) Office of the DC(SSI) has reported that the training courses under PMRY are normally being organised at the district level. In some cases, training courses are also organised at block level and tehsil level.

(f) and (g) The following Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) have also been entrusted with the task of training programme under PMRY.

- (i) Society of Electronics and Computer Technology (SECT).
- (ii) Kothari Institute
- (iii) Industrial and Technical Consultancy Organisation of M.P. (ITCOM)
- (iv) Udyamita Kur Prabandhan Vikas Samitee.
- (v) Proficiency the Hi-Tech Consultant, Bhopal.
- (vi) Swarozgar Seva Sansthan, Raipur.

[English]

#### Air Ticket Fare

453. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received complaints from Gulf passengers having high difference in Air India ticket fare in Trivandrum International Airport in comparison to other airports/airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The alleged difference in fares is primarily due to comparison of promotional fares with normal fares and fares from Trivandrum with fares from Bombay, which is nearer to Gulf points.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

#### Airport at Purnia

454. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the airport in Purnia was in use earlier;

(b) whether this airport is lying unused now causing difficulties to Air Passengers;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to resume air service at this airport; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir. There have been no commercial operations.

(b) to (d) Purnia airstrip belongs to Government of Bihar. Operation of services to this airport depends on the traffic potential. At present, no carrier has shown interest in operating to Purnia.

#### International Flights at Calicut Airport

455. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of flights operating from/to Calicut Airport everyday;

(b) the names of places to which International flights are being operated by Indian Airlines and Air India from Calicut Airport;

(c) whether the Government propose to connect any more destinations abroad with Calicut airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Indian Airlines operates 28 domestic flights and 42 international flights including 24 flights in joint venture with Air India, to/from Calicut airport per week. In addition private airlines also operate flights on domestic sectors to/from Calicut taking the number to over a hundred single flights per week.

(b) Indian Airlines operates international services to Sharjah, Rasal-khaimah, Fujairah and Kuwait from Calicut. In addition, joint venture flights of Air India/Indian Airlines are operated to Abu-Dhabi, Dubai and Muscat.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines has plans to introduce a thrice weekly service from Calicut to Doha and Bahrain effective 6 March, 1996.

#### Gaslitand Coal Mine Accident

456. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted inquiry