

### SC/ST Pilots in Indian Airlines and Air India

176. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of pilots employed in the Indian Airlines and the Air India and the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe pilots out of them ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to provide special training to the pilots belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) There are 348 pilots in Air India of which 9 belong to SC category. In Indian Airlines, there are 516 pilots of which 16 belong to SC and 3 to ST category.

(b) Indira Gandhi Rastriya Uran Akademi will be offering 100% scholarship of the training fee to 3 SC/ST candidates from the 7th CPL Course onwards. IGRUA would also recommend to the concerned State government for grant of scholarships to meet the expenses on boarding, lodging, library, sport, etc. SC/ST candidates belonging to their State.

[English]

### Modernisation of Stations in Marathwada

177. SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in modernisation of the railway stations in Marathwada region ; and

(b) the details of the proposals in this regard including computerisation scheme on those stations ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) In Marathwada Region, Nanded Railway Station has been selected for development as a Model Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 97.90 lakh. In this regard, work of New 2nd class Waiting hall with modernised toilet facilities for ladies and gents has been completed and remodelling and face-lifting of the station building and provision of central concourse with modernised new booking counter have already been taken up.

Apart from this, Parbhani station has been modernised at a cost of Rs. 12 lakh and modernisation work at Aurangabad station taken up at a cost of Rs. 39.50 lakh.

No proposal to computerise the reservation system in Marathwada region is contemplated at present.

### Summer Rush of Railway Passengers in Maharashtra

178. SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the summer rush of passengers to Bombay ; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to meet the demand for additional accommodation in trains for different destinations in Maharashtra?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :**

(a) and (b) In order to clear the rush of passengers in Maharashtra, Railways had arranged 444 special trains in the summer rush period of 1991.

**Acquisition of Airbus A-320**

179. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Airbus A-320 aircraft with the Indian Airlines at present ;

(b) the number out of these that are operational and their performance;

(c) whether there is any proposal to acquire more Airbus A-320 aircraft for the Indian Airlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) At present, except for the two A-320 aircraft which are undergoing 'C' checks, all the other 16 aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are available for operations. These aircrafts are being rotated and because of shortage of pilots, any 12 of them are flying on scheduled services every day.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Under the supplementary purchase agreement of 5-6-1989, Indian Airlines is due to acquire 12 more Airbus A-320 aircraft.

**Allotment of LPG Agencies**

180. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG agencies allotted during 1991 ; and

(b) the criteria followed thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Letters of Intent for dealership given by the various oil companies during 1990-91 are being reviewed by the Government.

**Sambalpur-Talcher Railway Line**

181. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of the Sambalpur-Talcher railway line is behind schedule ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken for its speedy completion ; and

(c) by what time the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) On the Talcher-Sambalpur new B.G. line (172 km) 34 km length Talcher-Angul (18 km) and Sambalpur-Maneswar (16 km) was targetted for completion during 1991. However, due to local law and order and other problems with the Orissa Government these sections could not be opened. Work is at an advanced stage and these sections are expected to be opened during the current financial year.