

(b) The average pit-head price of coal produced by CIL & SCCL both in January, 1988 was Rs. 219 per tonne. Thereafter it was revised as under :—

Date of revision	Average pit-head price of coal fixed for coal produced by	
	(Rs. per tonnes)	
	CIL	SCCL
24-9-1988	No change	270.00
1-1-1989	249.00	No change
24-1-1989	No. change	297.00

(c) The revision of coal prices was necessitated due to increase in the cost of production on account of increase in the cost inputs like wages, VDA, explosives,

POL and rates of interest etc.

(d) The cumulative losses of CIL and SCCL were as under :—

At the end of year	Cumulative loss per tonne	
	CIL	SCCL
1988-89	2325.67	13322
1989-90	2245	234.19
		(including in CC)

Accounts for the year 1990-91 have not been finalised so far.

REPLACEMENT OF OLD AIRCRAFT IN AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIRLINES

948. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN :
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of aircraft constituting the fleet of the Air India as on June 30, 1991, indicating its composition;

(b) the average normal life of an aircraft in India and the number of aircraft of the Air India and the Indian Airlines fleet which have been considered as old and needs replacement;

(c) the estimated cost of replacement of old aircraft; and

(d) the estimated cost of four B-747, 400 aircraft acquired from Boeing Airplane Company as on June 30, 1991 and at present ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) As on 30-6-1991, Air India had 11 Boeing 747, 8 Airbus A-310 and 3 Airbus A-300-B4 aircraft in its fleet.

(b) Four Boeing 737 aircraft of Indian Airlines have crossed 20 years age and have been phased out from May this year. In the case of Air India, one Boeing 747 has crossed 20 years in May this year and another will cross 20 years in March next year.

(c) and (d) The proposal for acquisition of four B-747-400 aircraft by Air India is still under consideration. The cost is now estimated to be Rs. 1962 crores. The foreign exchange component of the project remains, however, unchanged at US \$ 667 million.