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RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER GANDAK RIVER NEAR CHHITAUNI

965. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in the construction work of the railway bridge over Gandak river near Chhitauni;

(b) whether the work is behind the schedule.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken for the expeditious completion of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Progress upto 30th June, 1991 is 16 per cent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The co-shares viz., Government of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are defaulting in the timely release of their shares of funds for 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(d) The co-shares are being pursued to deposit their shares. Ministry of Water Resources has already agreed to provide their share and Ministry of Railways has allocated their share in the Budget 1991-92. The main work in the Khadir of the River is tentatively planned for 1992-93 subject to co-shares contributing their shares in time.

INCREASE IN AIR SERVICES FROM DELHI AND BOMBAY TO AURANGABAD

966. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the number of air services from Delhi and Bombay to Aurangabad during this tourism period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to increase the number of services between Bombay and Aurangabad in the winter schedule 1991-92 of the Indian Airlines.

(c) Does not arise.

SUSPENSION OF VAYUDOOT SERVICE TO AURANGABAD

967. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Vayudoot services to Aurangabad have been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore Vayudoot services during this tourism year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and

(b) Vayudoot services to Aurangabad were discontinued for commercial and operational reasons.

(c) and (d) Vayudoot has restored its services to Aurangabad on the route Bombay-Aurangabad-Bombay with effect from 14th July, 1991.

[*English*]

CONSUMPTION OF PETROL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

968. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fiscal measures taken by the Government to reduce consumption of petrol and petroleum products have achieved the desired results;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to rely on rail instead of road transport as