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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.

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**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

a long term measure to meet petrol and diesel crunch in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) and (b) The growth in consumption of petroleum products has decreased from 8.1 per cent in 1989-90 to 1.3 per cent in 1990-91 due to a number of factors. It is not possible to attribute the lower growth in consumption in 1990-91 to any single factor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

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#### PROFIT/LOSS BY VAYUDOOT

969. **SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH :** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of profit earned or losses suffered by the introduction of Vayudoot services in various sectors so far;

(b) the income being earned under various heads by the Indian Airlines from Vayudoot service; and

(c) the area-wise details of passengers benefited with the Vayudoot service so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) :** (a) The accumulated losses of Vayudoot Limited are estimated to be of order of Rs. 120.00 crores as on 31st December, 1990.

(b) During the last two financial years, Indian Airlines has raised bills on Vayudoot to the extent of approximately Rs. 15 crores per year. But these bills have remained unpaid.

(c) The number of passengers carried by Vayudoot during the last three years was as under :—

1988-89	:	5.23 lakhs
1989-90	:	5.61 lakhs
1990-91	:	4.42 lakhs

#### REPLACING OF STEAM ENGINES WITH DIESEL ENGINES

970. **SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains being run with steam-engines, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the criteria adopted to replace steam engines with diesel and to accord priority to them; and

(c) whether the Government propose to replace steam engines with diesel engines in Bihar on priority basis during 1991-92 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :** (a) A statement giving the information is attached.

(b) and (c) Diesel engines meant for passenger carrying trains are primarily utilised for long distance mail/express trains. Replacement of steam engines by diesel engines is a continuous process depending upon availability of diesel locomotives. However, dieselisation of trains is not undertaken state-wise.

#### STATEMENT

The number of trains being run with steam engines, Railway-wise is given below :—

Railway	No. of trains run with steam engines
Central	186
Eastern	289
Northern	356
N. Eastern	426