

New Aerodrome in Kerala

3516. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding expansion of the aerodromes in Kerala;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct new aerodromes in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plans for expansion of aerodromes in Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Passenger Trains between Dhanbad and Tatanagar

3517. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce a passenger train between Dhanbad and Tatanagar via Patherdih and Sudamdih; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Broad Gauge Lines in Gujarat

3518. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat had requested the Union Government for laying new broad gauge railway lines in the State;

(b) if so, the names of places where these are proposed to be laid; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following proposals have been received:

- i) Bhavnagar-Tarapore
- ii) Valsad-Dharampur-Nasik; and
- iii) B.G. links to Bedi, Navalakhi and Okha ports.

(c) The lines at (i) and (ii) above cannot be taken up at present due to constraint of resources. Linking of Bedi, Navalakhi and Okha ports with BG lines can be taken up as deposit works as these are required to meet the specific demand of single user i.e. port authorities. State Government has been suitably advised.

[Translation]

Regularisation of IA Flight Nos. IC-409 and IC-410

3519. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines daily flight Nos. IC-409 & IC-410 had taken off late during May and June, 1991;

(b) whether the Government propose to maintain time schedules of these flights; and

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

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Out of a total of 122 flights which operated ex-Delhi (IC-409) and ex-Calcutta (IC-410) during May and June, 1991, 84 flights were delayed due to engineering snags, weather, air traffic control and miscellaneous reasons.

(b) and (c) With effect from 1 August, 1991, the departure of IC-410 from Calcutta has been revised from 0615 hrs to 0710 hours so that the delays due to weather conditions at Ranchi could be minimised. Indian Airlines is monitoring the punctuality of operations of IC-409/410 to bring about an improvement in the situation.

[English]

Pipeline from Bombay High to Tamil Nadu

3520. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought approval for laying a natural gas pipeline from Bombay High to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Union

Government propose to consider the proposal of laying the said pipe line?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The question of a Southern Gas Grid is being examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group. Vayudoot Service from Dhanbad and Jamshedpur to Patna

3521. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot services are operating from Dhanbad and Jamshedpur to Patna;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to re-introduce these services in the light of importance of these cities and inadequate existing transport links?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot Limited has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. It does not propose to extend its services at the present juncture.

Name of the project	Type	Capacity(MW)
(i) Lower Borpanti	Hydel	2x50
(ii) Dhansiri	Hydel	15x1.33
(iii) Lakwa Gas Turbine	Thermal	4x15
(iv) Lakwa Waste Heat	Thermal	1x22

Various other measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T & D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Direct Train Service from Tripura to Guwahati

3523. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

Power Requirement in Assam

3522. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement and generation of power in Assam and the power share of Assam from the Central pool and other sources; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the shortage in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April, 1991— July, 1991, the energy requirement in Assam was 699 million units against which the availability from Assam's own generation, share from Central Stations and assistance from neighbouring System/States was 649.5 million units, which represents a shortage of 49.5 million units (7.1%).

(b) In order to improve the availability of power in the State, the following projects are under execution by the Assam State Electricity Board:

introduce a direct Express-cum-passenger train from Tripura (Kumarghat) to Guwahati (Assam) to meet the long standing demand of passengers of that area; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Introduction of any additional train across the Lumding-Badarpur section is not presently feasible due to operational and resource constraints.