

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**Air taxi operators**

2001. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KON-ATHALA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have a plan for relax rules for the air taxi operators in order to attract N.R.Is in the venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating a new policy for the air services to encourage efficiency and economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The air taxi scheme is already designed to attract NRI investment.

(c) and (d). Under the New Industrial policy, air transport has been deleted from

the list of industries reserved for public sector.

**Elephant Sanctuaries**

2002. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of elephant sanctuaries at present and the location thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some new elephant sanctuaries; and

(c) if so, the name of the States where these are proposed to be set up and the area likely to be covered under these new sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There are no sanctuaries created especially for elephants. However, a Statement showing the sanctuaries having elephant population and their locations is given in statement. I

(b) and (c). The wildlife Institute of India in their report entitled 'PLANNING A WILDLIFE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK' in areas having elephant population. The names and the areas of the recommended sanctuaries are given in Statement II

As the power to set up sanctuaries vests with State Governments, they have been requested to consider implementation of the report.

**STATEMENT - I**

*Name of the Wild Life sanctuaries which have Elephant Populations*

S.No.	Name of the Wildlife Sanctuaries	District	State
1.	Sri Venkateswara	Chittoor, Guddapa	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Mehao	Dibang Valley	Arunachal Pradesh