

improve operational efficiency and profitability of its hotels through various commercial efforts which *inter-alia* include product improvement, man-power training, marketing and reservation tie-ups, advertising etc.

[English]

**District flight from Delhi to Rajkot**

3052. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:  
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for direct flight from Delhi to Rajkot; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**Conversion of Automatic Exchanges in Jamnagar, Gujarat**

3053. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to convert Automatic Exchanges in various Cities and Towns in Jamnagar, Gujarat; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to come into existence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Steps taken to convert manual exchanges into automatic exchanges are as under:

- (i) Exchanges equipment have been allotted.
- (ii) Purchase orders have been placed.
- (iii) Project estimates have been sanctioned.
- (iv) Buildings to accommodate these exchanges are being arranged.

(b) These exchanges are planned to be converted into automatic exchanges by 1994.

**Assistance to Food Processing Industries in Coastal Area of Maharashtra**

3054. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage fruit processing industries for exports in coastal areas of Maharashtra;

(b) whether any assistance is provided to make packaging and bottling attractive and competitive in this industry;

(c) whether any provision of training has been made to process mango, cashew jack fruit, jamun, coconut, pineapple etc. for the youth of Kon-kon region;

(d) whether any concession and facilities have been provided for the cooperative sector engaged in the food processing industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) Incentives provided for 100% Export Oriented fruits and vegetable processing Units can be availed by such units located in