

**Proposal to connect Rajkot with Delhi  
by Air**

5767. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the seven commercial airports in Saurashtra and Kutch having daily connection with Bombay are the only airports from where if one wishes to fly to Delhi one has first to fly in the opposite direction;

(b) whether a recommendation has been made recently to resurvey the prospects of connecting Rajkot with Delhi; and

(c) if so, the progress thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL  
AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The survey is in progress.

**Special Charter and Return Fare Facility to  
the Cities Outside India**

5768. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the cities outside India having facilities for special charter and return fare rates for air travel to destinations in India; and

(b) the reasons why such facilities have not been extended to cities in the far East, Middle East and Africa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL  
AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) and (b). Tourist Charters can be operated with requisite permission on point to point basis from any point in the world including points in Far East, Middle East and Africa,

**Afforestation during Sixth and Seventh Five  
Year Plans**

5769. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in 1952 National Forest Policy Resolution of Government had recommended aiming at a coverage of one third of the total land area under forests;

(b) if so, whether the aim had been achieved during the Sixth Plan period and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons for the tardy progress and details of steps taken to achieve the aim speedily; and

(d) whether the aim has been reviewed and a higher aim recommended in the Seventh Plan and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) Yes,  
Sir.

(b) to (d). Efforts continue to bring in more area under forests by planting trees both inside and outside notified forest areas. While between 1982 and 1980 a total area of 3.56 million hectare was afforested, during the Sixth Five Year Plan period and, an area of 2.27 million hectare was covered through block plantations. In addition about 377 crore seedlings were distributed during the Sixth Five Year Plan period among people for planting on farmlands, private holdings and homesteads. Government propose to increase the afforestation effort during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and later. National Wastelands Development Board has been set up with the object of bringing five million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder plantations and to develop a people's movement therefor.

**Military Aid to Pakistan by U.S.A.**

5770. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :  
SHRI MOHAMMAD MAHFOOZ  
ALI KHAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that