

**Regional airline as a subsidiary of
Vayudoot**

2732. **PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:**
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be
pleased to state:

(a) Whether the then Ministry of
Tourism and Civil Aviation had asked in
1983 for the submission of report for a
regional airline, as a subsidiary of Vayu-
doot Airlines;

(b) if so, whether a report was submit-
ted to the Ministry pleading for promoting
an airline corporation in the joint sector;

(c) if so, the salient features of the
recommendations of this report; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION
SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:** (a) No, Sir. The
Ministry had, however, asked a particular
individual who desired to hold a discussion
on the subject, to submit a specific propo-
sal.

(b) Yes, Sir. A report has been recei-
ved in June, 1985.

(c) The project Report contemplates
formation of a company with private sector
involvement which will operate extra sche-
dules on existing routes and also make
available aircraft for charter operations.

(d) The responsibility for airlinking
the remote, inaccessible areas in the coun-
try and those stations which are important
from the view point of tourism and indus-
try has been entrusted to Vayudoot.
Vayudoot has already airlinked 46 stations
and plans to add another 29 stations on
its network by the end of the current
financial year. However, a proposal to
permit operation of chartered air-taxi
service in the private sector is under exa-
mination of the Government.

Debate On New Education Policy

2733. **PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:**
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft education policy
has been discussed with education experts
and representatives of the teaching frater-
nity;

(b) if so, what is their general response
to the education policy document;

(c) what are the specific areas of the
document that have been subjected to
criticism; and

(d) what is the reaction of Govern-
ment to this criticism?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION
AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI
SUSHILA ROHATGI):** (a) to (d) A
status report entitled "Challenge of Edu-
cation—A Policy Perspective" containing
an over view of the state of education and
based essentially on the views and sugges-
tions from educational planners, teachers,
students and intellectuals has been released
by the Government to provide the basis
for a nation wide debate which could facili-
tate the formulation of the New Education
Policy. The process of consultation was
initiated with the Conference of State
Education Ministers (August 29-30, 1985)
and it was decided that the State and
Central Governments should involve, as
wide a cross section as possible, of all
those who may be interested in education
including students, teachers, youth, women,
employers, workers organisations, manage-
ment people, media specialists, scientists,
creative writers, artists, non-governmental
voluntary organisations and political par-
ties in these consultations all over the
country. A very large number of seminars
have been organised at the Central, State
and regional levels for initiating a mean-
ingful debate on the New Education
Policy. In addition to involving members
of teaching community and educationists
with these national and state level semi-
nars the Ministry has sponsored four semi-
nars organised by various teachers fede-
rations covering different levels of edu-
cation system. The recommendations
made by these bodies and the seminars will
be considered by the Government in formu-
lating a New Education Policy.