

(c) if so, the total loss suffered during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Out of a total of 67 bird hit incident experienced by IA aircraft during the last six months i.e. upto 30.6.89, IA aircraft experienced damage in 19 incidents. As per records, 14 flights were delayed. No flight was cancelled.

(b) and (c). The expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines towards repairs of the Aircraft involved in bird hit incidents during the period January, 1989 to June, 1989 was Rs. 3.24 crores.

Bird Hits Accidents at Delhi Airport

160. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the accidents of bird hits of the planes of Indian Airlines have taken place at Delhi Airport;

(b) if so, the number of such accidents during the last one year and the details of the losses suffered as a result thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to protect the planes from birds at this Airport: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) During last one year there were 21 bird incidents at Delhi airport. Indian Airlines incurred a loss of Rs. 80.15 lakhs in bird hit incidents at Delhi Airport during the period.

(c) and (d). Under an Action Plan drawn

up for the purpose of reducing bird menace at Delhi Airport, various measures of continuous nature such as prevention of water logging within the airport, planting of dhub grass, pigeon proofing of hangers & buildings, establishment of modern slaughter houses & Carcass utilisation plants, removal of piggeries & diary farms from within 10 kms. of Airport areas, wire meshing of meat, fish shops etc. have been initiated.

Expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport

161. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent during the last three years on the expansion of the Bhubaneswar Airport; and

(b) when the work is likely to be completed and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) An amount amount of Rs. 655.85 lakhs has already been spent on the expansion of Bhubaneswar airport.

(b) The remaining work is likely to be completed by May, 1991. The total estimated cost of the project would be Rs. 2099 lakhs.

Wage Settlement of ONGC

162. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in respect of wage revision in the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been entered between the management and workers representatives;