

### Funds Sought by Gujarat for Annual Plans

1305. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the funds sought by Gujarat Government for Annual plans since 1981-82 to 1985-86, year-wise and the year-wise amount sanctioned by Planning Commission during this period; and

(b) the amount sought for 1985-86 and the amount actually sanctioned indicating the reasons for reduction made therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) A statement is given below.

(b) For the Annual Plan 1985-86, the Government of Gujarat had proposed an outlay of Rs. 1191.32 crores. Keeping in view the resources available, the Plan size has been agreed to be fixed at Rs. 804 crores after detailed discussions with the State Government.

#### Statement

*Statement showing outlays proposed by the Government of Gujarat and approved by the Planning Commission for the Annual Plans for the years 1981-82 to 1985-86*

Annual Plan	Outlay as proposed by the State Government	(Rs. lakhs)
		Outlay as approved by the Planning Commission
1981-82	76905	63200
1982-83	85158	76000
1983-84	99000	90000
1984-85	98658	93500
1985-86	119132	80400

#### Fourth Antarctica Expedition

1306. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen reports published in issue of "Indian Express" Ahmedabad edition dated 12th May, 1985 about "Fourth Antarctica Expedition a failure;"

(b) whether one of the scientists who accompanied the expedition has voiced his grievances about the work that has been carried on at the Antarctica;

(c) whether the said scientist was not allowed to carry on his research work though he stayed there for full two months; and

(d) whether the shortcomings that were found in the expedition will be attended to ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Neither the scientist nor his parent organisation (Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad) has intimated to the Department of ocean Development any geivances about the work he has carried out in Antarctica. However, a letter dated 20 May, 1985 was also received from the said scientist stating that his interview had been published in a distorted manner. In that letter he also mentioned certain minor problems and suggestions for improvement. The same have been taken into account while planning for the next expedition.

(c) Adequate facilities and time were available to all the scientists of the Expedition to undertake research work in various disciplines.

(d) Yes, Sir. After each expedition improvements are made for the next expedition based on the experience gained during the previous ones.

[Translation]

#### Operation of Air Service between Delhi and Allahabad

1307. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not rescheduling the air service between Delhi and Allahabad;

(b) whether the Delhi-Allahabad air service is not earning profits;

(c) whether it is due to unsuitable timings of this air service;

(d) if so, whether the loss can be avoided by starting morning service from Allahabad and evening service from Delhi; and

(e) whether Government proposed to take steps to reschedule this air service immediately ?

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

(a) Rescheduling is not considered necessary.

(b) Yes, Sir. There had been deficit to the extent of Rs. 1.6 crores approximately on this service during the period April, 1984 to December, 1984.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

[English]

#### Vayudoot Services Operating in Bihar

1308. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Vayudoot services which are operating at present in Bihar;

(b) whether Government have undertaken or propose to undertake any survey for starting more Vayudoot services in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that there is utmost necessity of starting Vayudoot service from Patna to Jamshedpur and Purnea and from Jamshedpur to Dhanbad as these routes would be economically viable;

(e) whether Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) Vayudoot is at present operating the following two services to and through stations in Bihar :

(1) Daily service on the Calcutta-Jamshedpur-Calcutta route.

(2) Thrice a week service on the Calcutta-Rourkela-Ranchi route.

(b) and (c). Jamshedpur, Gaya, Muzaffarpur and Purnea are the four stations in Bihar identified for airlinking by Vayudoot in its first phase of expansion. Jamshedpur is presently airlinked by Vayudoot. Purnea is likely to be provided an airlink within the financial year 1985-86 subject to availability of infrastructure and economic viability of operations. Gaya and Muzaffarpur had been airlinked by Vayudoot earlier but were subsequently dropped due to poor load factor.

(d) to (f). Subject to economic viability of operations and availability of infrastructural facilities Vayudoot also has plans to airlink Dhanbad and Patna during the year 1985-86.

#### Steps to Increase the Tourist Traffic Between India and Maldives

1309. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take any step to increase the tourist traffic between India and Maldives; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government have a strong interest in promoting inter-regional tourism, and, therefore, between India and Maldives.

(b) Indian Airlines operate a twice weekly B-737 service between India and Male on the Trivandrum-Male-Trivandrum route. Maldives and India are both members of the World Tourism Organisation Regional