

Red Alert in Northeast Airports

4731. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether airports in the Northeast have been placed on red alert ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This was done because there was apprehension of unlawful interference with Civil Aviation.

Chemical Coating to Taj Mahal

4732. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA :

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA :

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to give the Taj Mahal a chemical coating as one of the several measures to prevent its white marbles turning yellow ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to control the pollution level around Taj Mahal ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) To control pollution level around Taj Mahal the following steps have been taken ;

- (1) Closing down the two thermal plants.
- (2) Replacing steam locomotives with diesel engines in the Railway Marshalling Yard.

(3) creation of a green belt by tree plantation.

(4) No new licences for starting of foundries in the area to be issued.

(5) Regular monitoring of the pollution level in the ambient air around Taj.

8th Asia and Pacific Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International

4733. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether on 15 September, 1986, the 8th Asia and Pacific Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International was organised at Bombay by the Rehabilitation Coordination India ;

(b) the details of the recommendations made by the conference ; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement those recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Eight Asia and Pacific Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International was organised at Bombay by Rehabilitation Coordination, India from 15th September to 20th September, 1986.

(b) and (c) Draft recommendations of the Conference include :

- (i) need for legislation ; (ii) development of District Rehabilitation Centres ; (iii) prevention of polio and blindness ; (iv) application of

science and technology to rehabilitation ; (v) strengthening rural rehabilitation programmes.

These draft recommendations are subject to the final approval of the Rehabilitation International—the parent body of the Rehabilitation Coordination, India. As the recommendations are at draft stage and have not been formally submitted to the Government of India, the question of their implementation does not arise.

Cost Benefit of Minor Irrigation Schemes

4734. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made in respect of cost and benefit of the major and medium irrigation schemes as compared to minor schemes ;

(b) whether the National Federation of State Co-operative Banks has expressed its option in favour of minor irrigation schemes ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The feasibility of major, medium and minor irrigation projects is largely dependent upon hydrological and topographical conditions, and as such their cost-benefits are not comparable.

Although the National Federation of State Co-operative Banks has expressed its option in favour of minor irrigation, development of irrigation projects of various magnitudes is considered necessary to serve the country's increasing gross cropped area.

Problems of Sea Beach Erosion in Orissa

4735. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of sea beach erosion in Orissa ;

(b) whether Union Government propose to take steps to check the sea beach erosion ;

(c) if so, the financial assistance proposed to be given to Paradip Port Trust in Orissa for that purpose ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such proposal has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Health Care for Rural Women

4736. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that health care for women is in a bad state ;

(b) whether women doctors have been advised to devise means to provide better health care to rural women and if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether harmful drugs dumped in India by foreign countries also adversely affected the rural women ; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPA-