

**Night Landing Facilities at Aurangabad Airport**

5235. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to start night landing facility at Aurangabad airport;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay;

(c) whether there is any plan for the expansion of this airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The night landing facilities, such as, High Intensity Runway Lighting, Precision Approach Path Indicator and Taxiway Lights are available at Aurangabad airport. The provision of Obstruction Lights on the hill tops, is in progress and is expected to be completed by the 30th June, 1990.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to

extend the runway to 9000' from the present 6000' to make it fit for Airbus-300 operations.

[*Translation*]

**Cases of thefts at Wagon Workshop, Kota**

5236. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been incidents of thefts of iron goods at Railway Wagon Workshop, Kota (Western Railway);

(b) if so, the number of theft cases registered during the last three years alongwith the names and value of items stolen; and

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. During the last three years, the number of cases registered for the thefts of iron goods and the value of Property stolen at Wagon Workshop, Kota are as under:-

<i>Years</i>	<i>No. of cases registered</i>	<i>value of property stolen</i>
1987 - 88	11	Rs. 29101/-
1988 - 89	9	Rs. 1275/-
1989 - 90	17	Rs. 7870/-

The items generally stolen are Released steel parts of wagons consisting of steel spring, coupling, Brake-blocks and Fan etc.

(c) All 62 persons found involved in

these crimes were arrested and out of them, prosecution has been launched against 55. Enquiries are pending against 5 persons. Departmental action is being taken against 2 persons, who are Railway employees.