(c) whether any effort would now be made to restructure the Vayudoot or any other airlines to reduce the inconvenience of travelling public; and

**(d) if so, the details thereof ?**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the services earlier operated by Vayudoot cannot be taken over by the Indian Airlines because the runways at those airports and the traffic demand to those places are not suitable for the type of aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines, namely, Airbus A-300, Airbus A-320 and Boeing 737.

(c) and (d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. At the same time, Government is encouraging private air taxi operators to provide more air services.

[*Translation*]

PRATAPGANJ BIRPUR RAILWAY LINE (NER)

974. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher the Union Government have sanctioned the new rail line from Pratapganj station to Birpur in the North-Eastern railway;

(b) if so, whehter land has been acquired for this rail line; and

(c) if so, the-time by which the construction work will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EXPANSION OF COMPUTERISATION IN RAILWAYS

975. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

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(a) the details of the various programmes being implemented for the expansion of computerisation in railways in the current financial year;

(b) the achievements made in regard to computerisation during 1990-91; and

(c) the extent of computerisation in Eastern and North-Eastern Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The details of various programmes for computerisation to be taken up during the current financial year are as under :—

(i) Computerisation of Passenger Reservation Systems at 8 stations, viz., Varanasi, Jodhpur, Agra, Vadodara, Nagpur, Surat, Tiruchi and Coimbatore;

(ii) Computerised onward and return journey facilities between Madras and Secunderabad;

(iii) Development of in-house maintenance expertise for the Hardware for reservation computer segment at Bombay;

(iv) Installation of divisional computerised management information systems on two divisions, viz., Hyderabad and Jodhpur;

(v) Installation of micro processor based self printing ticketing machines at Delhi;

(vi) Computer based global enquiry at Delhi;

(vii) Computerised parcel handling system at Delhi;

(viii) Computerised claims information systems on Northern, Eastern, Western and South Central Railways;

(ix) Computer aided design facilities on Southern and South Eastern Railways;

(x) Computerised Management Information System in 10 Stores Depots;