

SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The airport is being upgraded for Boeing-737 operations.

(c) On completion, this airport will be fit for operation of Boeing-737 type and smaller than that aircraft.

### **Claims of SEBs Towards REC**

4517. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has not admitted claims for the work done by the various State Electricity Boards during each of the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The REC has been disbursing funds to the States to the extent of approved allocation, determined by the Planing Commission after in-depth discussions with the states concerned. In case any state takes up larger programmes than allotted having regard to their own requirements, the Corporation does not find it feasible to honour such additional claims, in the absence of allocation and due to resource constraints.

### **Expansion of Runway of Bajpe Airport**

4518. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHARS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether expansion of the runway of Bajpe airport, Mangalore is opening for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost; and

(c) by when the expansion programme is likely to be completed?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

### **Conversion of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in the Country**

4519. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges converted into electronics exchanges during the last three years and the number thereof proposed to be converted during the current year;

(b) the names of exchanges in Haryana which are included for conversion and the time by which the telephone exchange location in Bhiwani are likely to be converted into the electronic one; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 5789 Nos of telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic during the last three years (89-90, 90-91, 91-92). 3303 Nos. of telephone exchanges are planned to be converted into electronic in the current year 92-93.

(b) 60 Nos. of telephone exchanges including Bhiwani during the current year are planned to be converted into electronic exchanges in Haryana. The details are at Annexure-I.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.