

Vayudoot as Air India Subsidiary**4549. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision has been taken for the formation of a separate corporate entity in which Air India will have 100% equity with Vayudoot as its subsidiary;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof;

(c) whether any decision has also been taken about the salary structure, logo and the colour of the Vayudoot aircraft;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this new Corporate entity will take over the accumulated losses sustained by the Vayudoot since its inception; and

(f) if not, how it is proposed to deal with the losses?

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

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Dark - Zone Area in Gujarat**4550. SHRIDILEEP BHAI SANGHANI:**

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to abolish the Kodinar and Jafarabad cities of Amreli District of Gujarat from the Dark-Zone Area, to get all the Government aids and subsidies

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any memorandum on this issue to the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so the action taken by the Government in granting the aid in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Report on micro level investigation of Jafarabad taluk of Amreli district has been received from Gujarat Water Resources Development Corporation Limited (GWRDC Ltd.) Government of Gujarat in 1991 in connection with its recategorisation from the Dark-Zone.

(d) The report has been examined by Central Ground Water Board and National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and it is found that the stage of development in respect of Jafarabad taluk is 42.60%. Accordingly, after the micro-level investigation carried out by GWRDC Ltd., Jafarabad taluk is categorised as 'White'. On this basis, NABARD has cleared 30 villages in this taluk for further ground water development. Farmers of these villages can now avail facility of institutional financing. The stage of ground water development for Kodinar taluk has now been re-estimated as 116.63% and hence, this area continues to be under 'Dark' category.

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Pollution Control in Thermal Power Plants**4551. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA:**

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: