

Airlines discontinued its service on Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Port Blair route with effect from 19.2 1990. As these constraints still persist, Indian Airlines has no Plan to resume its service on the route.

[*Translation*]

Vaidyanathan Committee Report

4579. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH
SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. Vaidyanathan has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) the terms of reference of this committee;

(c) if so, the main recommendations of the report;

(d) whether the Government have taken any decision on implementation of its recommendations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the Terms and Reference of the Committee is enclosed.

(c) Some salient features of the report include: treating Water rates as users charge the objective of water charge is ultimately to recover cost; linking revision of water rates to the improvements of the quality of service; revision and implementation of water rates in phases, consolidation of the system of

farmers group management's; upgrading the system to higher level efficiency in Water use and productivity; setting up expoers' group at the State level for working out norms and procedure for periodic mentroing; setting up of autonomous boards at the State level to review policy regarding cost of water, revising water rates and interoducing a minimum financial return criteria.

(d) and (e). 'Irrigation' being a State subject, decisions on water rates can be taken only in consultation with the State Government and the Administration of Union Territories.

STATEMENT

Terms of Reference:

(i) To review the existing water rate structure and the extent of subsidy in Government and Public sector irrigation projects.

(ii) To suggest:

(a) The norms for fixing water rates;

(b) the norms for cost escalation on C&M component of economic water rates;

(c) the norms for conversion of volumetric supply of water rates of cropwise/ areas wise water rates for different agree-climatic zones;

(d) the organisational measures including mechanism for efficient recovery of economic water rates, and

(e) operating controls for ensuring levy of appropriate irrigation water rates by the States.

(iii) To evolve a reational water race scriture for both surface and ground water to promote conjunctive use.

(iv) To review the present status of maintenance of irrigation projects in different states;

(v) To review the norms of maintenance as recommended by earlier committees and different Finance Commissions.

(vi) to suggest the norms for fixing maintenance charges including stipulating the upper ceiling per hectare of command for the expenditure on staff establishment for various irrigation systems in different states.

[*English*]

S.T.D. In Exchanges of Haryana

4580. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2843 on July 27, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link other exchange of similar nature with STD in Haryana during 1992-93;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the transmission system in these exchanges through of optical fibre/coaxial has been provided; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the Annexure.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. Optical Fiber/Coaxial transmission systems are used on heavy telephone traffic routes. The exchanges shown in the annexure and of small/medium

capacity and will be connected with lower size transmission systems viz. UHF, PCM, Carrier Systems.

STATEMENT

The following exchanges are planned to link with STD facility by connecting them with Stable Transmissions Media like U.H.F., P.C.M., 3/8 Channel Carriers Systems.

S. No.	Name of Exchange
1.	Pehowa
2.	Ladwa
3.	Ismailabad
4.	Taraori
5.	Nilokheri
6.	Narnaunda
7.	Rania
8.	Salidon
9.	Haily Mandi
10.	Bawal
11.	Kosil
12.	Mohindergarh
13.	Ganaur
14.	Kundli
15.	Fatehabad
16.	Gharaunda
17.	Ratia
18.	Charkhidadri