

Air India, in their present schedule, are operating on an average 87 flights out of Bombay. Vayudoot Ltd., are presently operating to/from Bombay, pune and Kolhapur

(c): National Airports Authority, Since its inception in 1986, has not spent any money on the initialized airports viz. Akola and Sholapur.

#### Air Services in Maharashtra

6834. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the air services on pune-Aurangabad and Nasik-Pune-Bombay routs; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): Constraints of aircraft capacity and other resources do not at present permit expansion of vayudoot services. The traffic demand on the Pune-Aurangabad and nasik-Pune-Bombay routs is not adequate for operation of Boeing 737 aircraft which is the smallest in the Indian Airlines fleet

[Translation]

#### Conversion of Telephone Exchanges of Agra, U.P.

6635. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT, Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to convert telephone exchanges of Agra district (including Agra City) into electronic exchanges dunnig 1983-84;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following exchanges in Agra Distt. are planned to be converted to electronic during 93-94;

1 Irradate nagger

2. Khandauli

(c) Not applicable.

[English]

#### Timing of Private Air-Taxi Operators

6636. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any control over the air-taxi services in finalizing their timing,

(b) if so, details thereof,

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of his ministry that certain air-taxi services have been given time schedule just before the departure timing of the Indian Airlines flights,

(d) whether his ministry is aware that such wrong timings have badly affected to passenger traffic in the Indian Airlines in certain sector in the Southern region, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) and (b): No Sir. However, the timings have to follow the restrictions imposed by the concerned Air Traffic Control authorities

(c) The timing of the flight are not approved by the Government.

(d) and (e). In Indian Airlines perception the

limited success of air taxi operators is mainly due to their fares and marketing practices, not on account of departure timings

### Air Safety Violations

6637 SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of incidents of air safety violations taken note of by the DGCA in the case of Air India India Airlines and private air taxi operators and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) There have been three significant incidents of air safety violations in the recent past. These incidents pertained to Air taxi operators

(b) D G C A monitors the observance of safety norms by all operators. Deficiencies observed are brought to the notice of the operators for corrective action. Measures such as suspension of permit, cancellation of certificate of airworthiness etc. are also taken wherever called for

1	Provision of toilet and drinking water facilities at Bhubaneswar and Konark	500
2	Yatri Niwas at Konark	29.25
3	Open Air Theatre at Konark	7.10
4	Konark Festival	2.00
5	Tourist Centre at Bhubaneswar	1.1
6	Swiss Cottage Tents for Konark Beach	15.00
7	Yatri Niwas at Puri	14.3

### Development of Bhubaneswar, Konark and Puri circuit

6638 SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposal to develop a triangle consisting of Bhubaneswar, Konark and Puri has been pending since long

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay and

(c) the financial allocation proposed to be made during the Eighth Plan for the development of the triangle and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) and (b) No Sir. However, in the national Action Plan for Tourism, Bhubaneswar-Puri-Konark has been identified as one of the circuits for intensive development.

(c) and (d) Central financial assistance is extended to the State Government on the basis of specific proposals received from them and no lump sum allocation is made in the Eighth Five year plan. However, the following projects/schemes have been sanctioned for development of tourism facilities:

(Rs. in lakhs)