

Stoppage of Lucknow-Varanasi Passenger at Mani Halt (Jaunpur)

1158. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of Lucknow-Varanasi passenger train at Mani Halt in district Jaunpur has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore stoppage of this train at Mani Halt?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, it is being provided with immediate effect.

Extension of Varuna Express upto Kanpur

1159. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the Varuna Express running between Banaras and Lucknow upto Kanpur;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The train will lose its intercity character between Varanasi and Lucknow.

Improvement in Navigational Facilities at Airports

1160. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have effected improvements in the navigational facilities and installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) at different airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the amount spent at each airport during the last two years to improve the navigational facilities and ILS system;

(c) whether Government propose to further improve the navigational facilities at all airports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The facilities at airports including navigational are constantly modernised and upgraded in a phased manner either by replacement or by provision of new facilities depending upon the requirements projected by the airlines, availability of resources, land etc. This is done in consultation with the users and regulatory authorities.