

disruption of to and fro traffic;

(d) if so, whether Railway propose to resume this service; and

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) Yes, Sir. the Railway ferry service between Maniharighat and Sakarigali ghat was discontinued with effect from 1.2.1980.

(b) to (e). With the commissioning of the Farraka Barrage and introduction of through railway services, the Railway ferry service between Sakrigalighat and Maniharighat had outlived its use and consequently, very few persons were making use of this service, resulting in heavy recurring losses. The flotilla used on the ferry service had also become over-aged and beyond economic repairs.

The cost for restarting ferry services would be approximately Rs 25 crores by way of investment in new marine vessels and provision of infrastructure for their maintenance and operation at the same scale of operation as was existing at the time of closure of this service.

In view of this, it is not feasible to restart the services by Railways.

#### **Bareilly Cantt. Station**

4198. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the construction of Bareilly Cantt. Railway station in Bareilly; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[English ]

#### **Vayudoot Service to West Bengal**

4199. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to extend the Vayudoot service in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN):** (a) and (b). The aircraft capacity available with Vayudoot and constraint of resources do not at present permit airlinking of new stations in West Bengal.

[Translation]

#### **Khamgaon-Sholapur Rail Line**

4200. SHRI SUKHDEO NANDAJI KALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for construction of Khamgaon-Sholapur railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) No, Sir. however, survey for Khamgaon-Jalna New BG line has been carried out.