

(a) whether there is demand for resumption of Delhi-Bagdogra flight via Patna in view of the vast areas to be covered by Bagdogra Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when it is likely to resume?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has received three requests to resume Delhi-Bagdogra flight via Patna.

(c) At present Indian Airlines has no plans to resume the said service.

201 *Railways*
Punctuality of Trains and Better Amenities to Commuters

3194. SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU:
SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the punctuality of trains and provision of better amenities to the commuters have been badly affected during the last six seven months;

(b) whether the authorities have completely failed to maintain punctuality in trains and to provide adequate amenities to the commuters; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to take to improve the services of trains throughout the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). Unavoidable causes

like devastation by cyclone on East Coast, heavy unprecedented rains in Andhra Pradesh, Bombay area and Rajasthan, dense fog in January 1990, besides Bandhs in Assam, Punjab, Tamilnadu, alarm chain pulling etc., total power break down in West Bengal on 26.6.90 and a few equipment failures did affect the punctuality of trains. However, adequate amenities to passengers are being maintained.

(c) Monitoring and intensive chasing is continuing to improve performance.

[Translation] *Railways*
 202 **Wagon Factory at Katihar**

3195. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have acquired more than 100 acres of land near Katihar Gaushala for setting up of a railway wagon factory there;

(b) whether that land is suitable for setting up the said factory; and

(c) if so, when it will be set up there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) An area of 109.192 acres of land was acquired in 1962 for construction of staff quarters, out of which the N.F. Railway propose to relinquish 55 acres of land for National Airport Authority for setting up an very high frequency Omni range station.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[English] *Recovery of Arrears by World Bank*
 202 **Recovery of Arrears by World Bank from D.E.S.U.**

3196. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: