

removal of passenger luggage during loading; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India's record of baggage handling has been generally good.

Water Pollution in Rajkot District of Gujarat

3472. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether water pollution is going on a large scale in Rajkot District of Gujarat, because the river Bhadar is polluted as a result of wastages flowing out of industrial process in Jetpur City;

(b) whether Government have taken notice of the fact that Dhoraji City people are contracting diseases because they drink this water; and

(c) the preventive measures being undertaken to protect the people of Dhoraji and surrounding areas from the hazards of the pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) According to the State Pollution Control Board, there is no information to this effect.

(c) In order to prevent discharge of pollutants into the river Bhadar, a collection and disposal system of effluents from Jetpur area has been implemented. This will prevent polluted water from going to Dhoraji.

New Airports

3473. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) number of New Air Ports under construction, State-wise and the allocation of funds for each;

(b) the year of starting construction and envisaged year of completing each, State-wise; and

(c) number of Air Ports coming up where work is behind the schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) One airport is under construction, viz. Calicut in Kerala, the sanctioned cost of which is Rs. 14.66 crores. There is provision of Rs. 8.21 crores in the Seventh Plan.

(b) The construction work commenced in April, 1983 and is scheduled to be completed by December, 1987.

(c) Nil.

Kutub Khana Asafia

3474. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kutub Khana Asafia is the greatest depository of rare books in Urdu and Persian;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same library is in bad shape now; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to declare it as a National Library ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b). The Asafia Library is under the control of Government of Andhra Pradesh who have been requested to furnish the requisite information.

(c) There is no such proposal.

[Translation]

Opening of a Hotel in Gorakhpur

3475. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL

AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gorakhpur is a place of tourist attraction for international tourists particularly the Buddhists;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open a hotel there in the public sector and if not, whether such a proposal is likely to be considered; and

(c) whether it is proposed to increase the air service for Gorakhpur with a view to promote tourism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) Gorakhpur is an important tourist centre in the North Eastern Region of Uttar Pradesh for Buddhist pilgrims visiting Kushinagar, Sravasti, Lumbini (Nepal) and Piprahwa.

(b) Presently India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has no proposal to open a hotel at Gorakhpur. The 7th Plan of ITDC also does not include any plan provision for opening any new hotel in the country.

(c) Indian Airlines, at present, operates four times weekly HS-748 services on Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Gorakhpur route, as also a thrice weekly F-27 service on Calcutta-Varanasi-Gorakhpur route. The capacity provided at present meets the demand and there is no proposal to increase the air service to/from Gorakhpur.

[English]

Regional Research Laboratories

3476. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Regional Research Laboratories in India and the places where they are located;

(b) expenditure on all these laboratories during the year 1984-85;

(c) the scientific inventions, formula or other innovations evolved by these regional laboratories during the year 1984-85; and

(d) whether any one of these inventions, innovations of formulae is put to commercial use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) There are six Regional Research Laboratories under the CSIR, located at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Jammu, Jorhat and Trivandrum.

(b) The expenditure on the six Regional Research Laboratories during the year 1984-85 was Rs. 14.32 crores.

(c) During the year 1984-85, 18 patent applications for innovations evolved by these laboratories were filed and 17 patent applications filed earlier were accepted. Over the period 1978-79 to 1984-85, over 90 patent applications were filed and over 70 processes were developed by these laboratories.

(d) Of these 70 processes developed, 60 have been released to industry for commercial utilisation. Inventions and Innovations made during 1984-85 will take some time to be commercially utilized.

Extension of Air India Flight to Trivandrum from Bombay and Madras.

3477. SHRI P.A. ANTHONY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation to extend the Air India flights to Trivandrum from Bombay and Madras for the convenience of large number of Keralites working abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The Government have received some representations from the International Kerala Travellers Association, West Germany, to re-route Air India's