

Vayudoot is at present operating to 33 routes on which, during the period April to October 1985 only Delhi-Ludhiana-Delhi, Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi and Delhi-Chandigarh-Kulu gave an estimated profit of Rs. 1.24 lakhs, 7.36 lakhs and 3.77 lakhs respectively.

**North East Frontier Railways incurring loss**

3616. SHRI RAMESHWAR NEEKHRA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether North East Frontier Railways are incurring loss;

(b) if so, the amount thereof for the last three years.

(c) the details of the reasons therefor, year-wise and action taken to bring the loss to the minimum; and

(d) whether North Frontier Railways Transport Department Policy is against the Commercial Department which is the earning Department on Indian Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of loss for the last three years was as under :—

1982-83	Rs. 62.88 crores
1983-84	Rs. 86.61 crores
1984-85	Rs. 115.23 crores

(c) Northeast Frontier Railway serves the sensitive Frontier areas of strategic importance and uneconomic branch lines involving very high operational cost. Steps taken to bring the loss to the minimum are :—

(i) Strict control over expenditure

(ii) Intensive marketing drives including opening of inland container depot to attract more tea traffic for export; and

(iii) Augmenting traffic facilities wherever possible.

(d) No, Sir.

[*Translation*]

**Rampur-Kathgodam Rail Line**

3617. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the date of completing the survey work of Rampur-Kathgodam Railway line; and

(b) whether the said work is expected to be completed during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) May 1975.

(b) Its completion will depend on availability of resources, on year basis, during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

[*English*]

**Shifting to New Civil Terminal Building of Leh Airport**

3618. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Leh Airport Civil Terminal building has been completed ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that passengers had to face great hardship at the present terminal building (Nissan Hut) in view of inadequate space, furniture and heating arrangement etc. because of early arrival of aircraft and arctic cold condition; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not shifting to the new air terminal building and non provision of necessary facilities and comforts for the passengers as provided under the rules?