

(b) In respect of certain short distance mail-express trains, advance reservations are opened only 3 to 10 days in advance. In respect of long distance trains, advance planning is normally feasible for journeys undertaken during vacations in schools, colleges, courts, etc. or in connection with marriages other social/cultural gathering/functions, business conferences, etc. including by salaried and business communities. It is only during such periods of vocations, marriage/festival seasons etc. that accommodation in trains gets booked up fairly in advance. During other periods, train accommodation is normally available even at short notice.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Any special arrangement for passengers to get reservation at short notice is bound to be abused and lead to further malpractices in reservations.

#### Lateral Road Project

681. SHRI D.L. BAITHA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of Lateral Road Project was proposed and financed by Government ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present position of the road and the finance for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes Sir ;

(b) The Lateral Road Project consists of the main road between Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh and Amingaon in Assam via Lakhimpur, Bahariach, Basti, Gorakhpur, Kasia, Pipra, Muzafarpur, Barauni, Purnea, Phulwaria, Arraria, Bahadurganj, Thakurganj, Hashimara, Kochurgaon, Sidli and the spurs from Sagauli to Bettiah, Muzafarpur to Darbhanga and Arraria to Forebesganj in Bihar. The roads under this Project were developed and completed by the concerned State Governments during 1962-1973 with financial assistance from the Government of India.

[Translation]

#### Purchase of Helicopters and Setting up of Helicopter Corporation

682. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the Helicopter Corporation is likely to be set up and the number of helicopters proposed to be possessed by this corporation indicating the names of countries as also the companies from which there helicopters are likely to be purchased ;

(b) whether besides hilly areas, the places of tourist interest are also proposed to be linked with major Airports through Helicopter service ; and

(c) the sitting capacity of these helicopters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The Helicopter Corporation of India has been registered, as a Government company, under the Companies Act, 1956 on the 15th of October, 1985. The number and the type of helicopters to be purchased by the company is under consideration.

(b) The demand for helicopter services, inter-alia, for tourist charters has been surveyed by an Experts Committee whose report is under consideration. The provision of helicopters for tourist charters will depend upon availability of aircraft capacity, development of necessary infrastructure and economic viability of operations.

(c) The sitting capacity of helicopters will depend on the type of helicopter (s) selected.

#### Bagmati Irrigation Project

683. SHRI R.S. KHIRHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bagmati Irrigation Project has been under construction in district Sitamarhi (Bihar) for the last 15 years;

(b) whether huge amount has been spent and hundreds of acres of land of the farmers has submerged under canal and dam water; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) to (c). Bihar Government has intimated that the works on Bagmati Project were started in 1970-71 and an expenditure of Rs. 27.77 crores has been incurred upto September 1985 and that the barrage and the canal work are not yet taken up and hence there has been no submergence of farm land on this account. The State Government propose to complete the project by the end of VIII Five Year Plan, subject to availability of funds.

[*English*]

**Centres for Coronary Angiograms and Coronary bypass Surgery in India**

684. **SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) which are the centres in India doing coronary angiograms and coronary bypass surgery;

(b) what is the criteria adopted for sending patients abroad for coronary bypass surgery;

(c) how much of the State funds have been spent in sponsoring such cases to centres abroad during the last three years; and

(d) how far it is justified in sending such cases abroad on State expenses when the same facilities are available in India and the same funds could be utilised for the masses who are without basic medical care ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR) :** (a) A list indicating the names of the hospitals doing

coronary bypass surgery including coronary angiograms is given below.

(b) There is no system under the Central Government to either send or sponsor any patient for treatment abroad. There are the usual guidelines laid down by the Reserve Bank of India for releasing foreign exchange for medical treatment abroad on the basis of medical opinion about the non-availability of such facilities within the country and the desirability of availing of such treatment abroad. Government however does permit limited reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on treatment abroad by Central Government employees who avail of such treatment on their own in certain exception circumstances and restricted to certain specified cases.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

**List of the Hospitals doing Coronary bypass Surgery**

1. Southern Railway Headquarters Hospital, Perambur, Madras.
2. Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore.
3. E K.E.M. Hospital, Bombay.
4. Jaslok Hospital, Bombay.
5. Sree-Chitra Tirumal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum.
6. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
7. G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi.
8. Bombay Hospital, Bombay.
9. Apollo Hospital, Madras.
10. Nanavati Hospital, Bombay.
11. Breach Candy Hospital, Bombay.
12. Kasturba Hospital, Manipal.

**Sanskrit University at Kaladi Kerala**

685. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government have got any proposal