

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
9.	Rajasthan	12	412
10.	Uttar Pradesh	56	285
11.	Tamil Nadu	45A	17
12.	West Bengal	31C	142
Total :			2687 Kms.

Bombay Patna Direct Air Link

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

(a) whether Government of Bihar has requested the Civil Aviation Department to air link Patna with Bombay by providing a air service ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir, No such request appears to have been received in the recent past.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Air Link with Purnea

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

(a) whether Government propose to have air link with Purnea in Bihar State :

(b) whether any target date has been fixed for the same ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Purnea during the current financial year.

[Translation]

Regional Hydrogeological Survey by Central Ground Water Board.

783. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of the regional hydrogeological survey started by the Central Ground Water Board ;

(b) whether National hydrograph network stations have been set up to ascertain the water resources in different parts of the country if so, the number thereof ;

(c) the extent to which ground water resources available in the country are likely to be utilised during the Seventh Plan ; and

(d) the outcome of survey conducted in the dryland of Rajasthan and the additional square metre of land in Rajasthan likely to be brought under irrigation ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND :

(a) The Central Ground Water Board has so far completed regional hydrogeological surveys in an area of 20.32 lakh sq. km. out of the geographical area of 32.88 lakh sq. km. of the country. The surveys have revealed the existence of potential groundwater aquifers, their water quality, the possibilities of development and the estimates of replenishable resource.

(b) 5357 National Hydrograph Network Stations have so far been established throughout the country to monitor changes in the ground water resources.

(c) Ground water resources are expected to be utilised for creating irrigation potential of 6,69 m. ha. during the Seventh Plan.

(d) The surveys conducted in Rajasthan have revealed the availability of ground water from which an irrigation potential of 0.14 m. ha, is expected to be created during the Seventh Plan.

Direct Delhi-Udaipur Air Link

784. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is direct air link for Udaipur from Delhi inspite of maximum foreign tourists visiting there ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sometimes one has to wait for days to get air passage from this place ?

(c) whether earlier there was a direct air service for Udaipur which has now been withdrawn ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines, however, operates a daily Boeing 737 service on the route Delhi-Jaipur- Jodhpur-Udaipur-Bombay and return thus providing an air link between Udaipur and Delhi everyday.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines operated a Boeing 737 service on the route Delhi-Udaipur-Aurangabad-Bombay from last November, 1984 to 31st May, 1985. However, the acute shortage of Boeing 737 capacity with Indian Airlines does not permit introduction of this service in the current winter schedule.

[English]

Inauguration of Railway Projects

785. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the railway projects inaugurated by the Prime Minister during the last 3 years ;

(b) which of them were completed within the scheduled time and cost ;

(c) in how many above cases the cost had escalated and by how much ;

(d) in how many cases the projects were running beyond scheduled time with reasons for the same ; and

(e) what would be the approximate cost at the completion of each project and when each one is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The Railway Projects for which foundation stones have been laid by the Prime Minister, during the last 3 years are as under :

S. No.	Name of the Project	Date of laying foundation stone by P.M.	Estimated cost (Rs. crores)
1	2	3	4
1.	Extension of BG rail link from Jammu to Udhampur	14-4-1973	68.00
2.	“Naranarayan Setu”-Construction of a Rail-cum-Road bridge across river Brahmaputra at Jogighopa along with a BG railway line from Jogighopa to Gauhati.	11-11-1983	Cap. 87.73 Dep. 29.61 ————— 117.34