

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The average number of passengers on the waiting list during the last three months for 904 Trivandurm-Ahmedabad Weekly Express at Bangalore City was 165 in Hind sleeper and 5 in A.C. 2-tier.

(b) No, Sir. This train is running with the maximum load, due to which it is not possible to attach any extra coaches at Bangalore City.

Kidney Transplantation centre

4193. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of centres in the country doing kidney transplantations and the number of kidney transplantations done in the country till now and how many out of them have met with a success;

(b) whether it is a fact that most hospitals with dialysis facilities are able to extend these transplantations only to the cases of acute renal failure and those with chronic renal failure do not get dialysis facilities and are left to suffer and die ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more centres where facilities for more chronic patients for dialysis and kidney transplantations could be made available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Kidney transplant has been successfully performed at the following centres :

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
2. Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore
3. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
4. Jaslok Hospital, Bombay.

5. Appolo Hospital Madras.

6. K.E.M. Hospital, Bombay.

The exact number of kidney transplant cases is not known.

(b) Cases for kidney transplant are determined according to the seriousness of the cases. Dialysis is provided in other cases till transplant is decided, depending upon availability of resources.

(c) There is no proposal with the government for opening more centres for kidney transplant.

Bishrampur and Barbadoh railway line in M.P.

4194. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have undertaken any survey to lay a line between Bishrampur and Barbadoh in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the result of the survey; and

(c) whether the construction of the line between Bishrampur and Barbadoh will be started during the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic survey for a new rail link between Bishrampur and Barwadih was completed in 1984. The project was found to be financially unremunorative. There is no proposal to take up this work.

Acquisition of Helicopters for Helicopter Corporation

4195. SHRI K. S. RAO :
PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Helicopter Corporation of India has acquired or is about to acquire helicopters of different sizes to run its various services;

(b) if so, what are the types of helicopters being acquired by the Helicopter Corporation of India and what is the criterion for their selection, particularly for medium and small size helicopters needed by the Corporation;

(c) whether all leading and reputed manufactures of helicopters have been given a chance to offer their products to the Helicopter Corporation of India and if so, what are their names; and

(d) whether Government would consider appointing a Committee of experts to evaluate various proposals for purchase of helicopters for the Helicopter Corporation of India before any further purchases are made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). The Helicopter Corporation of India is, at present, in the process of acquiring medium sized helicopters, viz. Westland 30 Series 100-60 and SA 365 N Dauphine 2. These helicopters have been selected on technological considerations.

(c) At the time of selecting suitable helicopter types for operational requirements of Helicopter Corporation of India, helicopters available all over the world were examined and the choice was narrowed down to the following three :

1. SA 365 N (Dauphin) manufactured by Aerospatiale, France.
2. S. 76 manufactured by M/s. Sikorsky.
3. Bell 412 manufactured by Bell Helicopters, USA.

The list was subsequently enlarged to include the Westland-30 helicopters offered by M/s. Westland of U.K.

(d) There is at present no proposal to purchase any more helicopters for the Helicopter Corporation of India. The question of appointing a Committee of experts to evaluate various proposals as such, does not arise.

Acquisition of Aircrafts by Indian Airlines

4196. SHRI AMAL DATTA :
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of latest aircrafts which are proposed/agreed to be acquired by the Indian Airlines giving details of the make, type, seating capacity, price and those features for which the aircrafts have been selected ;

(b) what were the decisive factors for which the Indian Airlines opted for this aircraft in preference to others and the comparative statement of the special features of the different types of aircraft inspected for purchase;

(c) the procedure adopted for selection of the aircraft and whether one or more committees were constituted for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the names and designations of the members ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Indian Airlines has placed an order for 19 Airbus A 320 aircraft at a total cost of Rs. 1238.37 crores and each having a single class 162 seat configuration.

(b) The Sub-Committee of the Board of Indian Airlines appointed for the purpose evaluated the following types of aircraft which had the potential of meeting the requirements of Indian Airlines :

(i) *Airbus A 310-200* : The aircraft was studied in 235 seat configuration and was found to have much larger range capability than was required for the Corporation.

(ii) *Boeing 757-200* : The aircraft was studied in 208 seat configuration. The aircraft is installed with two variants of Rolls Royce 535 engines