

**SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLIK :**

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations for increasing the frequency of the existing flights and starting new flights in the Gulf-Trivandrum sector; if so, the details and Government's reaction; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet the increasing traffic in Gulf-Trivandrum sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, it was not found possible to agree to the request due to capacity constraints.

(b) To cater to the traffic demand between Trivandrum and various countries in the Gulf, Air India have increased the frequency of their operations to Trivandrum from eight to nine services per week effective June 1, 1986.

**Development of Acupuncture and Tibetan System of Medicines**

971. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

DR. A. K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of acupuncture and Tibetan system of medicine;

(b) if so, the outlines of the related projects;

(c) whether medical science of acupuncture has been approved in some countries and if so, the names thereof; and

(d) the reasons why it has not yet been approved in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A

provision of Rs. 25.00 (twenty five) lakhs has been made for the development of Tibetan System of Medicine, Acupuncture etc. for the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Acupuncture, a technique used in the Chinese Traditional System of Medicine, is in use in some countries including India. Information as to formal recognition of this techniques as a system, is not available

**Coach repair workshop, Mancheswar, Orissa**

972. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on the rail coach repair workshop at Mancheswar in Orissa has since been completed;

(b) if so, the estimated target of total turn-out of the repaired coaches per day; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on this repair workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The work on the setting up of new carriage repair workshop at Mancheswar is in progress. The cumulative physical progress of the work is more than 60%. The workshop became operational for corrosion repair in April '83 and coaches after periodical over-haul were first turned out in February '84. The level of the out-turn of periodical overhaul of coaches during 1985-86 is 60 units (in terms of four-wheelers) per month. The capacity of the workshop will be progressively increased to eight units (in terms of four-wheelers) per day by additional inputs during the VII plan period, depending upon the availability of funds.

(c) The latest estimated cost of the project is approx : Rs. 30.92 crores Expenditure upto the end of 1985-86 is Rs. 22.42 crores. An outlay of Rs. 6.03 crores has been provided for this project during 1986-87.