Irregular Vayudoot Services from Calcutta to Lilabari and Dibrugarh etc.

- 6083. SHRI WANGPHA LOWANG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot services from Calcutta to Lilabari, Dibrugarh and places in Arunachal Pradesh are very irregular and at times, flights are cancelled for several days causing immense difficulties to passengers; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure regular services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir Vayudoot flights PF-735/736 and 721/722 operating on the sectors Calcutta-Guwahati-Tezpur-Jorhat-Lilabari-Dibrugarh-Tezu and back Calcutta-Guwahati-Lilabari-Zero-Daparijo and back were disrupted due to the grounding of one aircraft for non-availability of serviceable propeller and the other aircraft after it met with an accident on ground.

(b) Vayudoot has since wet-leased aircraft capacity from Indian Airlines and commenced regular services.

[Translation]

Shortage of Beds in Dr. R.M L. and Safdarjang Hospitals

- 6084. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is shortage of beds in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Safdarjang Hospitals of Delhi resulting in delay in the treatment of patients; and
- (b) if so, the action being taken by Government to increase the number of beds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). The number of

beds in Dr. Ram Manobar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjang Hospital have reached the optimal level, beyond which it would not be possible to increase the beds further considering the size of the Hospital, and the need to provide proper medical services to the patients admitted.

Railway Lines in Madhya Pradesh

- 6085. SHRI MANKURAM SODI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of districts in Madhya Pradesh which have no railway lines; and
- (b) the names of district in Madhya Pradesh where new rail lines have been laid in order to develop the State during the last twenty years along with the length in kilometres of the railway track laid in each district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Two.

(b) 647 kms. of new rail lines have been laid in districts of Bastar, Sidhi, Shajapur, Rajgarh, Bilaspur, Jabalpur, Shahdol, Ujjain. Durg. District-wise break up is not maintained.

[English]

Krisbna Tyer Committee Report on Female Prisoners

6086. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH: SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the suggestions contained in the Krishna lyer Committee Report on women prisoners; and
- (b) steps taken to modify the archaic jail manuals in various States provide better conditions for women convicts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND