

LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to close down hotel operations in Sydney and London;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof indicating profit/loss and total business turnover during the last three years of these hostels;

(c) whether Government have asked India Tourism Development Corporation to take over these hotels; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and efforts being made to get the consent of

India Tourism Development Corporation to take them over ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d). The Mayur Restaurants in Sydney and London have not shown encouraging financial results; therefore, the possibility of handing over these restaurants to the Indian Tourism Development Corporation, on terms and conditions yet to be negotiated, is being considered.

The profit/loss and total business turnover of these restaurants during the last 3 years is as under :

	Mayur Restaurant, Sydney			Mayur Restaurant, London	
	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1984-85 (6 months period)	1985-86
Total turnover (Rs. in Lakhs)	73.37	80.29	78.60	13.04	59.88
Profit/ Loss (Rs. in lakhs)	(6.54) loss	(7.95) loss	(3.94) loss	(15.33) loss	(20.43) loss

Note : Mayur Restaurant, London was commissioned in October, 1984.

**Rail Link between Lakshmikantapur
and Namkhana**

2567. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for rail link between Lakshmikantapur and Namkhana via Kulpi and Kakdwip in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the funds likely to be made available during the financial year 1987-88 for this project;

(c) when the construction work on this project is likely to start; and

(d) the target date for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1.00 crores.

(c) In 1987-88.

(d) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

**Re-classification of Categories of Workers
at CDLB**

2568. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :