

(b) The Krishi Vigyan Kendra is devoted to organizing vocational training for the farmers, farms women, young farmers, school drop outs and field level extension functionaries. Follow-up extension activities are also taken in the neighbouring villages which serve as village laboratories for the KVK.

Residential as well as off-campus 267 training courses were organized benefitting over 5000 farmers and women.

12 Kisan Melas, 14 field days, 40 exhibitions and 11 Extension fortnights have also been organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra benefitting about 40434 farmers and other rural youths. The KVK has also conducted 817 demonstrations on important fodder crops and Arid horticulture crops like Ber, Lime, Papaya and Pamegerant.

Under the Lab-to-Land programme 100 small and marginal farmers were adopted by the KVK and improved agriculture technologies were introduced on their farm.

(c) The area jurisdiction of this KVK is only Jodhpur district and not Barmer and Jaisalmer.

(d) and (e). Opening of new K.V.Ks in Barmer and Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan will depend on the availability of funds which is not yet available.

#### **Fodder Banks for Rajasthan**

1903. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the severe drought in Rajasthan, the State Government has submitted any scheme to Union Government for setting up fodder banks in various parts of the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Govern-

ment to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

[English]

#### **Development of Airports in Southern States**

1904. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of development activities with respect to National Airports in the southern States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

#### **Setting up of National Civil Aviation Fund**

1905. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Civil Aviation Fund to provide financial help to National Airports Authority for development projects of national airports; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) and (b). A Civil Aviation Development

Fund was constituted on 1.4.1964. According to the Resolution issued while constituting this Fund; payment out of it could also be made for construction of airstrips and provision of ancillary facilities. However, no payments have been made out of this Fund for more than ten years.

There is as such, no proposal to set up a separate National Civil Aviation Fund.

### **Expansion of Domestic Airports**

1906. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national airports have been identified for expansion and modification during 1988-89; and

(b) if so, the names of such airports details of the schemes, amount involved and the time by which the schemes would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

### **Operational Efficiency of Air India**

1907. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operational efficiency of air services has deteriorated; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for increasing operational efficiency of the international flights?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) To increase operational efficiency, Air India has introduced a direct service between Bombay/Delhi and London and has also eliminated one station each on the India/Tokyo and India/Australia routes.

Technical despatch reliability of Air India has shown improvement during the last 3 months compared to the previous quarter.

### **Site for Brackish Water Aquaculture Research Institute**

1908. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has conducted any survey to select sites for the establishment of Brackish Water Aquaculture Institute in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have received any report in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

The experts committee constituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has submitted its report after surveying the different sites offered by 4 identified maritime States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The Committee has made some recommendations regarding the location of