

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