

sioning, which had, therefore, to be stopped from October, 1986, Government has, in the meantime, appointed consultants for carrying out an end-to-end survey of the project.

#### **X-ray Filmphotos Machine at Agartala Airport**

996. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the machine for taking X-ray filmphotos of bags and baggages at Agartala Airport is out of order;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) the reasons for delay in putting this machine in order;

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the authorities responsible for it; and

(e) the time by which the machine will start operating?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) to (e). The X-ray Baggage Inspection System at Agartala airport is out of order since 7th June '87 for want of a component which is awaited from the sole supplier viz. M/s. ECIL and it can be put in order only on receipt of the spare part. Efforts are continuing to procure the component.

#### **Refusal of accommodation to girls on Calcutta-Port Blair Flight**

997. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether 45 girls who had confirmed tickets for flight No. 1C 285 from Calcutta to Port Blair were not allowed to emplane on 24 December, 1987 at Calcutta by the Indian Airlines Officers as reported in the "Telegraph" of December 25, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of a party of 45 girls booked to travel on IC-285 of 24th December, 1987, only 30 seats could be confirmed on 18th November, 1987 and 15 seats were wait-listed. Subsequently, with a view to helping the group, the entire group was confirmed against the over-booking. However, due to computer system failure the subsequent confirmation of 15 seats was not registered in the System. Consequently at the time of the check-in only 30 seats could be offered. The group preferred not to travel separately. Indian Airlines operated an additional flight the next day to accommodate the group.

(c) This was a solitary incident of such type. The reasons for the failure of computerised system could not be detected despite continuous test-runs and investigations.

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#### **Development of "Deva Ka Mela" As a Tourist Centre**

998. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have a scheme to develop the national level fair (Deva Ka Mela) in district Barabanki, U.P. into an event of tourist interest;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for its expansion; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE