

tions, both on technical and operational grounds;

(b) if so, the opinion of experts in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for the purchase of these helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) Westland W-30 helicopter is type-certified by Civil Aviation Authority of UK. The design airworthiness requirements of the UK Civil Aviation Authority are acceptable in India. Westland W-30 helicopters are considered safe for operations with operational procedures laid down in the Flight Manual.

(c) These helicopters were purchased to meet the requirements of the Oil Sector and the non-oil Sector.

Cancellation of Passenger Trains in Orissa and Bihar

5061. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of passenger trains cancelled during 1986 and 1987 in Orissa and Bihar together with the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of trains out of them restored so far; and

(c) when the remaining trains are expected to be restored?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Trains are not run/cancelled statewise. Hence, these statistics are not maintained statewise.

Talcher-Sambalpur Railway Line

5062. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased

to state:

(a) the physical and financial targets set during 1986 and 1987, separately for construction of Talcher-Sambalpur rail line;

(b) whether the targets could be achieved and if not, the shortfall during each year;

(c) the physical targets set and financial allocations made for 1988; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed at the present rate of construction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). The physical targets, in terms of overall percentage progress, achieved during 1986-87 and 1987-88 were 6.5% and 9% respectively. On the financial side, the outlays provided were Rs. 2 crore in 1986-87 and Rs. 5 crore in 1987-88, against which the expenditure actually booked was Rs. 1.87 crore and Rs. 3.21 crore, respectively.

(c) The physical target set for 1988-89 is 14% and the outlay provided is Rs. 5 crore

(d) Completion of the project will depend on availability of resources in coming years.

Helicopter Service to Tourist Places in Orissa

5063. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of introducing helicopter service, particularly for the busy tourists to visit the places of tourist interests in Orissa;

(b) if not, whether such an exercise is proposed to be undertaken; and

(c) whether any helicopter service is

proposed to be introduced for important cities in Orissa and if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (c). M/s. Pawan Hans Ltd. do not contemplate operating helicopter services on their own in the State of Orissa. They had however, offered a helicopter on lease to the Government of Orissa for operating services as per their requirements.

Development of Kolhapur Airport

5064. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra is improving the airfields at Solapur, Kolhapur and other places in the State and expecting to complete the work at Kolhapur by 1 December, 1988; and

(b) if so, whether Vayudoot service is proposed to be introduced to Kolhapur by December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Sholapur airport has already been developed by the Government of Maharashtra and Vayudoot services have been started from there. The State Government is developing kalhapur airport and the work is likely to be completed by the end of 1988.

(b) Vayudoot has plans to airlink Kolhapur during the current Five Year Plan period subject to the availability of aircraft capacity and infrastructural facilities.

[Translation]

Locomotives and Modernisation of Railways

5065. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are facing acute shortage of locomotives;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) to what extent this shortage is due to short supply of the necessary parts;

(d) whether the programmes chalked out by Government for modernisation and increase in technical facilities to provide better rail services during the Seventh Five Year Plan are being executed as per schedule; and

(e) if not, the concrete steps taken by Government to achieve the targets fixed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Normally there is no gap between the demand and availability of locomotives. However, during the busy season when actual demand exceed the planned target, temporary marginal shortages occur in diesel and electric locomotives.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Factories Closed/Lockouts Declared

5066. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories/industries which have been closed and lockouts declared during 1988 so far, State-wise;

(b) the number of factories out of them reopened, State-wise;

(c) the number of factories which are yet to be opened, State-wise ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to