

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