

**British Airways flights from
Calcutta**

1671. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the British Airways are continuing negotiations with the Civil Aviation authorities for their operation from Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to allow the said airlines to operate from Calcutta; and

(d) if so, when and the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) to (d). In terms of the India—U.K. Air Services Agreement, British Airways already has rights to operate services to through Calcutta. Therefore, the question of negotiations on this issue does not arise.

Yatrikas/Dharamshalas at Nanded

1672. SHRI ASHOK SHANKAR-RAO CHAVAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal by the Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, to construct any Yatrikas/Dharamshalas at Nanded in Maharashtra for tourists; and

(b) if not; the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Ministry has not received any specific proposal to construct Yatrikas/Dharamshalas at Nanded in Maharashtra.

**Passenger facilities at Alipurduar
railway station**

1673. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal was made to develop Alipurduar as a model railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the quota of reservation at this railway station is proposed to be increased for Calcutta and Delhi bound trains in view of the demand of the passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Construction of Shanti Stupa
(Peace Pagoda) in Buddha
Jayanti Park, New Delhi**

1674. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Urban Arts Commission has taken any decision on the proposal for the construction of a Shanti Stupa (Peace Pagoda) in the Buddha Jayanti Park, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the exact decision taken in this regard alongwith the date on which it has been taken; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which the decision would be taken alongwith the date on which the request was first received by Government and the reasons for delay ?