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14.	Fazilka
15.	Kharar
16.	Ferozepur
17.	Abohar
18.	Patiala
19.	Bhatinda
20.	Amritsar (3)
21.	Gurudaspur (Tibri)
22.	Kapurthala (2)
23.	Khanna
24.	Rajkot
25.	Ludhiana
26.	Mandi Gobindgarh
27.	Jandiala

Figures in brackets indicate the number of LPG distributorships.

Development of Madras Airport

2040. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amenities and other facilities provided to the passengers at Madras airport are at par with those at Bombay and New Delhi Airports;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to provide amenities and other facilities at Madras Airport at par with those at Bombay and New Delhi Air-

ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Vayudoot Service between Bombay and Porbandar

2041. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR OD-EDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot Service between Bombay and Porbandar is not regular;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restart the Indian Airlines flights in the above sector; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Vayudoot service between Bombay and Porbandar is now regular.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Indian Airlines has no plans to introduce service between Bombay and Porbandar because the airfield at Porbandar is not capable of accepting any of the aircraft in its fleet.

Foreign Exchange for Import of news-print

2043. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-

CASTING be pleased to state the details of funds allocated in foreign exchange for the import of newsprint in the past three years and the current year, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K TEWARY): Foreign exchange released for import of newsprint during the last three years and the current year is as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Foreign exchange released (in crores of Rupees)</i>
1986-87	133.50
1987-88	199.36
1988-89	200.00
1989-90	220.00 (till date)

Foreign exchange allocation for the current year (1989-90) is Rs. 315 crores.

Demand for Film Based Programmes on TV

2044. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for more films and film-based programmes for telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction;

(c) whether there is a discontentment among the people over the duration and frequency of the programmes like "Chitrah", "Chitramala" and "Rangoli"; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken

by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY): (a) to (d). Films and film-based programmes telecast on Doordarshan are quite popular and have a high rate of viewing. These programmes are always in demand and a large number of appreciative letters are received from the viewers. The present frequency and duration of these programmes is considered adequate keeping in view the total transmission time available with Doordarshan.

LPG Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

2045. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some more urban areas/town of Vidisha, Raisen and Sihore districts of Madhya Pradesh for opening new LPG agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). Oil companies have planned to set up one LPG distributorship each at Begamganj and Mandideep in District Raisen.

Safety Norms in LPG Bottling Plants Bangalore

2046. SHRI H.G. RAMULU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have observed the safety norms in setting up the two LPG bottling plants in Bangalore;