

(b) if so; the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider introducing Air India passenger service to Bangalore in view of heavy passenger traffic from Bangalore to foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For the present, there is no such proposal.

Setting Up International Airport at Malur in Karnataka.

2064. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up International Airport at Malur in Karnataka ;

(b) if so, when is the construction work expected to start ;

(c) the amount likely to be spent during 1986-87 ; and

(d) when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Indo-Nepal Agreement on Karnali Dam

2065. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final agreement has been reached with the Government of Nepal in regard to the construction of Karnali dam ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) whether as a result of this agreement efforts are being made for obtaining approval of the Government of Nepal to carry out survey work on Kali river for the construction of Pancheshwar dam ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Tanakpur-Lucknow Direct Train Service.

2066. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any direct train between Tanakpur and Lucknow was introduced in 1984 ;

(b) if so, whether this train is still in operation ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A 5 coach train was started on 26th September, 1984. It was cancelled from 5th May, 1985 due to poor patronisation. However, 2 sleeper coaches are still running between Lucknow-Tanakpur and back by 8 Dn/145 Up and 148 Dn/7 Up.

[*English*]

Conversion of Rail Tracks in Gujarat

2067. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of plans of conversion of rail tracks in Gujarat State :