

CONSTRUCTION OF AERODROMES IN
KORAPUT

660. Shri Sauganda: (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether there was any proposal under consideration for the construction of aerodromes in the district of Koraput (Orissa)?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, why the consideration of the proposal was abandoned?

(c) Will the consideration of the proposal be revived at any time?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):
(a) No, Sir.

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

FLYING CLUB, BHUBANESWAR

661. Shri Sauganda: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any subsidy or loan has been given by the Central Government to the Flying Club at Bhubaneswar in the State of Orissa;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the total amount of subsidy or loan given from the inception of the Flying Club up-to-date; and

(c) the number of pilots who received training at the Flying Club so far?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):
(a) and (b). Yes. The club has so far received subsidies amounting to Rs. 2,89,430/- from the Government of India since its inception in March 1947.

(c) 46.

TIME TABLES

662. Shri P. Subba Rao: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are aware that sheet time tables are not supplied to stations for being pasted on the notice boards even after a month of the change of trains?

(b) Will Government consider the desirability of publishing an All-India Time Table every half year in April and October?

(c) What is the policy or basis on which slight alterations are made every half year in the running of trains more often causing inconvenience to public?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Adagan):

(a) Sheet Time Tables are, as a rule, made available for display on notice boards simultaneously with the issue of the Time Tables and Guides for sale to the public at stations. Sometimes, however, delays do occur, particularly in the exhibition of sheet Time Tables in the regional languages because they have to be printed in Presses other than the Railway Press. Every endeavour is, however, made to ensure, as far as possible, that no avoidable time-lag occurs between the commencement of the new time tables and the display of the relative sheet time tables at the various stations.

(b) The Railway Board are already publishing an All India Time Table half-yearly (April and October). This is a priced publication and is available from the General Secretary, Indian Railway Conference Association, New Delhi, and the book stalls at stations.

(c) Generally seasonal and at times intervening periodical changes in the time-tables are necessitated by various factors, such as:

- (i) changes due to difference in summer and winter requirements,
- (ii) changes to meet specific public requests as far as feasible,
- (iii) alterations to timings consequent on changes made by contiguous railways,
- (iv) changes considered necessary by the railways themselves having regard to the experience of the operation of the previous time tables, and
- (v) varying allowances required to be provided for engineering speed restrictions in accordance with the progress of engineering works.

DELHI RAILWAY STATION (RETIRING ROOMS)

663. Shri U. M. Trivedi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many retiring rooms are there on the Delhi Railway Station?

(b) How many passengers can get accommodation there every day?

(c) How many passengers are refused such accommodation?