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Ahmedabad Aviation Akademi (Gujarat)	9			
Academy of Carver Aviation (Pvt) Ltd. Balgaum, Karnataka	3			
Bangalore Aeronautics Technical Services Pvt. Ltd., (BATS) Bangalore, (Karnataka)	3			
Taneja Aerospace & Aviation Ltd., Bangalore (Karnataka)	5			
UDAN Research & Flying Instt., Pvt. Ltd., (Renamed FRANK Airways Pvt. Ltd.) Indore (Madhya Pradesh)	6			
Orient Flight School, Pondichery (Union Territory)	5			
Rajputana Aviation Academy, Kota, (Rajasthan)	4			
Tetra Aviation Academy, Salem (Tamil Nadu)	3			

**Diversion of River Water towards India
by Pak Army**

836. SHRI R.S. GAVAI :
DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army Engineers of Pakistan have pushed, in the recent past, the course of Sutlej and Ravi rivers towards the Indian Territory in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of the damage caused to the Indian Army and villagers in Punjab; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to counter the Pakistani move?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to construction of embankments and spurs by Pakistan, the course of

the rivers Ravi and Sutlej had changed resulting in washing away of 17.26 Kms. of fencing and flood lighting and damage to 26.18 Kms. of fencing and flood lighting during 1993 to 1995, as also threat to some border out posts.

(c) While some repair work was earlier completed in 1997 in Gurdaspur, Amritsar and Ferozepur districts of Punjab, some more flood protection projects have been put in the "High Priority" list.

Losses Incurred by Air India

837. SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
SHRI T.R. BAALU :
SHRI K.P. MOHAN :
SHRI CHANDU LAL AJMEERA :
SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE :
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news report, "We are broke, need Govt. help: Air India" appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated November 4, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news report mainly relates to the information given by the Managing Director, Air India regarding losses of Air India and steps being taken/proposed to be taken to offset these losses.

(c) The Disinvestment Commission in its VIII report has recommended the restructuring/disinvestment in Air India. The main recommendations of the Commission are:—

- (i) Infusion of Government equity of Rs. 1000 crores and finally bringing down the Government share holding in Air India to 40%.
- (ii) Induction of a strategic partner holding 40% equity on the basis of global bids.

- (iii) 10% equity to be offered to the domestic institutional investors and 10% to retail investors and employees.

The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Construction of Low Cost Houses

838. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of delegations of Government officials and people's representatives had been sent abroad to get technical knowhow about construction of houses with low cost;

(b) if so, the details of the reports submitted by each delegation; and

(c) the names of the persons and the countries where such delegations have been sent during 1997 and 1998?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The names of the persons and the countries where such delegations have been sent during 1997 and 1998 are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of officers/persons	Countries/places Visited	Duration of the visit
1	2	3	4
1.	Sh. Swaroop Chand Rajan, MLA	Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Hanoi and Ho-chi-Minh city	7.9.1998 to 19.9.1998
2.	Sh. Sahab Singh Chauhan, MLA		
3.	Sh. Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, MLA		
4.	Sh. Mohabal Mishra, Councilor, MCD		
5.	Ms. Devagya Bhargava, Councilor, MCD		
6.	Sh. V.M. Bansal, Commissioner-Cum-Secretary, DDA		