

**Statement**

(a) Number of Rolling Stock that have overlived their codal lives in the last three years:

Item	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Steam Locos	85	41	37
Diesel Locos	67	26	30
Elec. Locos	82	20	10
Coaches	941	1011	1082
Wagons	8659	13878	19103

(b) Number of new Rolling Stock added during the last three years:

Item	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Steam Locos	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diesel Locos	122	142	155
Elec. Locos	155	175	195
Coaches	1291	1759	1951
Wagons	17950	22185	27865

[English]

**International Flights of Indian Airlines**

881. PROF. JOGENDRA KAWADE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Sub-Committee of the Board of Air India was set up to give its recommendations on route rationalisation between Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, whether the Sub-Committee has given its report;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Air India will operate its flights to Europe, Australia, America and other countries daily from the Santacruz Airport; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Sub-Committee has given its report, which is under consideration of the Board/Government.

(d) and (e) Air India is presently operating its flights from Sahar Airport in Mumbai to Paris, Frankfurt, Rome, Manchester, New York, Chicago. It does not have direct flights to Australia, but provides convenient connections to passengers on Qantas Airways flights over Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

**Working Groups**

882. SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY :  
SHRI SUNIL KHAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formed working groups to recommend certain policy measures on different aspects on the working of SAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which working groups are likely to submit their recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) Government have not formed working groups to recommend certain policy measures on different aspects on the working of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

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

**Vikrant Museum Plan**

883. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for conversion of INS Vikrant into a maritime museum is expected to get delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have provided it with the sufficient financial assistance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?