

- (xv) Training facilities for drivers, guards and staff connected with train operation have been modernised including use of Simulators for training of drivers.
- (xvi) Refresher courses are regularly organised at specified intervals.
- (xvii) Performance of the staff connected with train operation is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.
- (xviii) Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

[English]

#### **Butterfly Catching Expeditions**

3406. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of foreign travel agents and tour operators attract tourists to India with the promise of butterfly catching expeditions;
- (b) if so, whether such an expedition is prohibited under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) No such incident has come to the notice of the Ministry of Tourism.

- (b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### **Upgradation of Jaipur as International Airport**

3407. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not converting the Jaipur Airport into an International Airport;
- (b) the amount spent by the Union Government for the development of the Jaipur Airport during the last three years;

(c) whether the boundary walls have been erected around the piece of land acquired from the State Government for the construction of the International airport and whether the work on the construction of runway has been completed;

(d) if so, whether the heavy fog during winter in Delhi has necessitated the conversion of the Jaipur Airport into an International Airport; and

(e) if so, the time by which it will be converted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Jaipur is a model airport with customs and immigration facilities for limited international operations by national carriers and foreign tourist charter flights.

(b) The amount spent on upgradation of Jaipur Airport to international standards during the last three years is Rs. 1.31 crores in 1995-96 and Rs. 1.60 crores in 1997-98.

(c) Under Phase-I, the works of boundary wall around 100 acres of land and the extension of runway from 6000 feet to 7500 feet, have been completed on 17th February, 1999. Under Phase-II, tenders have been invited for construction of boundary wall around the remaining 300 acres of land and the probable date of completion is May 2000 under this phase the runway will also be extended to 9000 feet.

(d) and (e) Jaipur airport is designated as an alternate airport to handle diverted flights of AB-320/AB-310 class. There is no proposal at present to convert Jaipur airport into an international airport.

[English]

#### **Killing of own Colleagues by Army Soldiers**

3408. SHRI NEPAL CHANDRA DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of incidents of soldiers killing their own colleagues or superiors took place in Indian Army, particularly in J&K during 1998-99, so far;
- (b) the main reasons for these incidents; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the relationship amongst the Indian Army?