

(d) the reasons for delay in constructing such bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) In Maharashtra, there are 2653 level crossings out of which 78 nos. are falling in Dhule District and 63 in Satara district.

(b)

1. Br. No.157 at Km.91/6-7 between Nira and Lonand Station.
2. Br. No.276 at Km.144/11-12 between Jarandeswar and Satara stations.
3. Br. No.203 at Km.116/0-1 between Adarki-Wathar station.
4. Br. No.208 at Km.118/1-2 between Adarki-Wathar station.
5. Br. No.382 at Km.203/3-4 between Shirvade and Karad.

(c) A Road Over Bridge at Karad-Chikalthana Road has been proposed by State Government.

(d) State Government is contemplating to construct road over bridge at Karad-Chikalthana on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) scheme. Further action is to be taken by State Government.

[English] Jammu and Kashmir

Upgradation of Srinagar Airport

3555. SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal for the upgradation of Srinagar Airport as International Airport;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in that regard;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up a separate terminal at Srinagar Airport; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A separate civil terminal managed by Airports Authority of India already exists at Srinagar Airport.

(d) Does not arise.

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Maintenance and Overhaul Facility at H.A.L.

3556. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a maintenance and overhaul facility unit at the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Airport in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated expenditure for setting up of the above unit?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Maintenance and overhaul facilities have already been set up by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. near HAL airport at Bangalore.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

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Posting of Air India Staff at Foreign Stations

3557. SHRI RAJNARAIN PASSI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of officers and staff of Air India who are on foreign postings for more than 4 years alongwith stations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : Two officers of Air India are on foreign postings for more than four years. They are presently posted in London.

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Improvement in DD Programmes

3558. SHRIMATI RANI CHITRALEKHA BHONSLE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the Doordarshan programmes to attract more viewers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to telecast Doordarshan programme on all channels throughout the country particularly in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati, an autonomous statutory corporation. Prasar Bharati have reported that it is always the endeavour of Doordarshan to be more innovative and telecast programmes of different