

(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.

82
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.

2-83
Doodarshan
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 Doodarshan programmes to attract more viewers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to telecast Doodarshan 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 Doodarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati, an autonomous statutory corporation. Prasar Bharati have reported that it is always the endeavour of Doodarshan to be more innovative and telecast programmes of different

categories keeping in mind the varied interest of different segments of its viewers.

(b) and (c) It has been intimated by Parsar Bharati that programmes of various Doordarshan Channels are available throughout the country including Maharashtra in satellite mode. In the state of Maharashtra 85 transmitters (DD-I-83, DD-II-2) are presently in service and for further expansion of terrestrial coverage, 28 transmitters (DD-I-27, DD-II-1) are under implementation.

[Translation]

83-84 *Railways*
Construction of Manmad-Dhule-Nardana-Indore Rail Line

3559. SHRI D.S. AHIRE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for Manmad-Dhule-Nardana-Indore rail line is being made since 1955 by the people of Nasik and Dhule districts of Maharashtra and Khairgaon and Indore districts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the survey of the above rail line has already been conducted but the work has not yet been started;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether no provision has been made in the rail budget for the above railway line;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the above line is likely to be included and work is likely to be started?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) Surveys for new lines between Manmad-Dhule via Malegaon and Dhule-Nardana with extension to Shirpur have been completed recently. The following are the results of the surveys :-

| Project | Length | Cost | Rate of return |
|--|---------|--------------|----------------|
| (i) Manmad-Dhule via Malegaon New line. | 98 Kms. | Rs. 132 crs. | (-) 1.73% |
| (ii) Dhule-Nardana new line with extension to Shirpur. | 62 Kms. | Rs. 104 crs. | (-) 2.19% |

In view of the heavy throwforward of ongoing new line projects and the grossly unremunerative nature of the lines, the projects could not be taken up for consideration.

Nardana-Indore suggested line will be about 240 Kms. long and will cost not less than Rs. 500 crores at current day prices. In view of the heavy throwforward of the new line projects already on hand and the severe resource constraints being faced by Railways at present, consideration of the suggested line is not feasible.

[English]

84-85
Tourism Projects from Bihar

3560. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR "Bijoy" : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3363 on 18.12.98 and state :

(a) the details of 12 projects so prioritised and the break-up of Rs. 325 lakh, project-wise; and

(b) the time by which the development work is likely to be started and completed, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG) : (a) The details of 12 projects prioritised for central financial assistance of Rs. 325.00 lakhs to the State Government of Bihar during 1998-99 is as under :-

| Sl.No. | Name of the Project | Rs. in lakhs |
|--------|---|--------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Wayside amenities at Aurangabad. | 25.00 |
| 2. | Yatri Niwas at Singheshwar Asthan (Madhepur) | 20.00 |
| 3. | Tourist Reception Centre at Bhagalpur | 15.00 |
| 4. | Tourist Reception Centre at Munger | 15.00 |
| 5. | Upgradation-cum-expansion of existing tourist facilities at : | |
| | * (i) Jeevak Vihar Rajgir | 50.00 |
| | (ii) Birsa Vihar, Ranchi | 20.00 |
| | (iii) Ratna Vihar, Dhanbad | 25.00 |
| | ** (iv) Kautilya Vihar, Patna (Phase-II) | 10.00 |
| 6. | Refurbishment of monuments at Vikramshila | 25.00 |