

**Construction of Under/Over  
Bridges in Kerala**

2974. SHRI S. AJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of railway crossings in Kerala on National Highway;
- (b) whether the Government have taken any measures to build under/over bridges on these Highways; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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) 13 Nos.

(b) and (c) At present, work of construction of a Road over bridge on link road (National Highway-47A) connecting Wellington Island and Cochin bypass on Ernakulam - Alleppey section is in progress. In addition to this, construction of 6 numbers of Road over bridges in lieu of following level crossings on National Highway of Kerala are being examined for inclusion in future Works Programme's of Railways, subject to fulfilment of all preliminary pre-requisites by State Government.

1. Level crossing No. 215 at Km. 713/10-11 between Badagara and Naddapuram road.
2. Level crossing No. 192 at Km. 673/8-9 between Westhill and Elattur Stations.
3. Level crossing No. 196 at Km. 679/1-2 between Elattur and Quilandi Stations.
4. Level crossing No. 232 at Km. 738/7-8 between Dharmadam and Ettakot Stations.
5. Level crossing No. 269 at km. 805/5-6 between Cheravattur and Nileshwar Stations.
6. Level crossing No. 272 at Km. 810/1-2 between Kanhangadi and Nileshwar Stations.

**Frequency of Porbandar-Delhi Express**

2975. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have received letters from various Organisation and Members of Parliament regarding rescheduling of days and increase in frequency of Porbandar-Delhi Express;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

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) and (b) Several representations including from Dr. Vallabh Bhai Kathiria, M.P. have been received for increasing the frequency of 9263/9264 Porbandar-Delhi Sarai Rohilla Express etc.

- (c) The matter has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

**Attending of Complaints by Enquiry  
Office, Punjabi Bagh**

2976. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Enquiry Office functioning in the Railway Colony, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi is not attending day-to-day complaints causing inconvenience to residents in the area;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen and streamline the work of maintenance of Railway flats in the area?

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) All day-to-day complaints of residents of Punjabi Bagh, Railway Colony are being attended regularly as and when received.

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

**Text Books Press, Bhubaneshwar**

2977. SHRI PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India Text Books Press, Bhubaneshwar is proposed to be transferred to Government of Orissa;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the employees of the Press are likely to lose benefits of pay structure and other facilities as they hitherto enjoy as per Central Government rules; and

- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) The Government has not taken any decision to transfer the Government of India Text Books Press, Bhubaneshwar to the Government of Orissa.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

#### Memorial of I.N.S. Khukari in Daman

2978. SHRI DEVJI BHAI J. TANDEL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Territory Administration of Daman and Diu have sent a proposal for erection of Memorial for I.N.S. Khukari, the Indian Warship, which was drowned in the 1971 war; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) In April 1997, the Union Territory Administration proposed to erect such a memorial.

(b) All the State/Union Territory Governments including the Union Territory Administration of Daman & Diu have been requested by Raksha Mantri in July, 1997 to construct War Memorials in their Capitals in memory of those who laid down their lives for the defence of the country during the wars since independence.

#### "Year of the Jawan"

2979. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to observe the 1999 to be "Year of the Jawan";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have also received any proposals from some State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No such decision has been taken by the government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Flights from North Eastern States

2980. KUMARI KIM GANGTE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present air travel facilities from Manipur and other North-Eastern States to the rest of the country particularly the State capitals are insufficient; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the frequency as well as to start new services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The details of the stations in the North-East region airlinked by scheduled airlines, state-wise, are given in the attached statement.

(b) The airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the route dispersal guidelines which provide for at least 10% of the operator's capacity deployed on Category-I (Trunk routes) to be made available for the North-East, Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshdweep Islands and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Government is conscious of the problem of the region and is closely monitoring the development of airlinks and infrastructure in that region.

#### Statement

##### Operations to North-East region by Scheduled Airlines (As on 14th Dec., 1998)

Airlines	Sector	Frequency (flights/ week)
1	2	3
<b>ASSAM</b>		
<b>Dibrugarh</b>		
Sahara India Airlines	Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati-Delhi	4
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Dibrugarh-Calcutta	4
<b>Jorhat</b>		
Jet Airways	Calcutta-Jorhat-Calcutta	2
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Jorhat-Dimapur-Calcutta	2
<b>Guwahati</b>		
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Guwahati-Calcutta	10
	Calcutta-Imphal-Guwahati-Delhi	2
	Agartala-Guwahati-Agartala	3
	Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal-Calcutta	2
	Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	3
	Guwahati-Dimapur-Guwahati	3*
	Guwahati-Lilabari-Guwahati	2*
	Calcutta-Aizwal-Guwahati	3