

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
ASSAM		
Dibrugarh		
Sahara India Airlines	Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Guwahati-Delhi	4
Indian Airlines	Calcutta-Dibrugarh-Calcutta	4
Jorhat		
Jet Airways	Calcutta-Jorhat-Calcutta	2
Alliance Air	Calcutta-Jorhat-Dimapur-Calcutta	2
Guwahati		
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