

STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :

(a) Railway employees holding sensitive posts and who frequently come into contact with public and/or Contractors/Suppliers are required to be transferred every four years. Where transfer to a different place/station is not possible administratively for reasons like seniority units being localised (For example, Workshops, Hospitals etc.), holders of such posts are to be shifted to a different Desk involving change of duties at the same station/area/office. For this purpose, a comprehensive list of sensitive posts has been drawn up and circulated to the zonal Railways.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Rotational transfers of staff in the sensitive categories are carried out in all railway units, including Zonal Railways. It may not always be possible to transfer all those who complete four years stay at a place or seat in one go. In such cases, staff are transferred in a phased manner as considered administratively feasible.

[English]

Parameters for New Airports

395. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air services in the country and building of new airports have any parameters such as population, pilgrimage centres, tourist attraction, defence needs, area of the State etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the airports that are proposed to be built during the next ten years;

(d) whether Bodh Gaya qualifies for an airport for Buddhist pilgrims; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Justification for a new airport depends on various factors such as traffic and tourist potential, availability of adequate land, financial resources and economic viability of the project;

(c) Proposals, for developing new airports at Hyderabad, Mumbai, Goa, Chennai, Bangalore and Kannur

are under consideration of the Government. The new International Airport at Cochin is nearing completion.

(d) and (e) There is already an airport at Gaya which is suitable for operation of 50 seater class of aircraft under fair weather conditions. AAI has no plans to build a new airport at Bodhgaya.

Review of Food Processing Units

396. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK :
SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE :
SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI :
SHRI VITHAL TUPE :
SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE :
SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB :
DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL :
SHRI S.S. OWAIISI :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has commissioned a study to review the progress made by various food processing units sanctioned during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; Statewise;

(c) time by which a final review is likely to come out;

(d) whether the Government also propose to formulate an action plan to strengthen the food processing sector in consultation with the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether his Ministry has asked the State Governments to create a special Ministry or department for food processing; and

(g) the response of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has been entrusted to carry out evaluation of projects funded by the Ministry in the country during the Eighth Plan and 1st year of Ninth Plan.

(c) By the end of August, 1999.