

**Survey for Bari Sadari-Banswada Rail Line**

2352. SHRI SHANTI LAL CHAPLOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct survey for laying rail line from Bari Sadari Railway Station to Banshi-Dhariwad-Ghotal-Banswada in Udaipur district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the survey report is likely to be submitted?

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) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

**Electronic Device to Display name of Coming Station**

2353. SHRI VAIKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to arrange an electronic device in train to display the name of approaching station or announce through microphones to enable the passengers to detrain; and

(b) 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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Development of Aviation as Core Sector**

2354. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to make aviation a core transport sector so that it may play a very important role in the development of national economy;

(b) if so, whether this is proposed to be achieved by connecting regional hubs, creating a chain of air cargo complex, selecting suitable aircraft, rationalising fuel and airport taxes;

(c) if so, the other measures being considered to make aviation a thrust area for overall growth; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR (a) to (d) Keeping in view the importance of aviation sector, a major initiative has been taken whereby all public sector enterprises are slated for disinvestment/privatisation/corporatisation. A decision has already been taken to initiate the process of corporatisation of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai airports and the proposed new airport at Bangalore. Similarly, it is proposed to develop more air cargo complexes to provide facilities and impetus for development of economy even in regional and sub-regional areas. A package of incentives to make the operations of smaller aircraft economically viable is also under consideration.

[Translation]

**Exhibition for Sale of Railway Items at Pragati Maidan**

2355. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an exhibition for sale of railway items was held in Pragati Maidan, Delhi during 1997-98 and its details were published in a booklet;

(b) if so, whether the Government have discontinued this practice; and

(c) if so, the reasons and 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) Yes, Sir.