

Flights on Agartala-Calcutta-Delhi Route

3106. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any plan to introduce direct regular flights on Agartala-Calcutta-Delhi route;
- (b) if so, by which time such flights are likely to be operated;
- (c) if not, the alternative plan for direct air link between Agartala and Delhi;
- (d) whether the Government also propose to introduce flights of small passenger aircraft to link Kamalpur and Kailashahar airports of Tripura with the State Headquarters of North-Eastern States and Calcutta; and
- (e) if so, the time by which such flights are likely to be operated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air, at present, has no plans to introduce new services. However, passengers desirous of travelling between Agartala and Delhi can avail themselves of convenient connections via Calcutta on six days of the week. Private operators are also being encouraged to add more stations, including North-Eastern States, on their networks, subject to viability.

Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project

3107. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Bhima Kund Multipurpose project of Orissa has been neglected;
- (b) if not, the present status of this project;
- (c) when the project report on it was received alongwith the details of the report and the cost involved in it;
- (d) whether this project report was returned to the State Government;
- (e) if so, when and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the project report on stage-II has also

been received;

- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps proposed to be taken to finalise the project expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (e) The Government of Orissa proposes to take up Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project in two stages. The Stage I envisages construction of a dam across river Baitarani at Neopara and a power house at dam site with installed Capacity of 3x16 MW and second power house at Baigudi with installed capacity of 3x115 MW. The Project will also provide flood benefits to an area of 1400 sq. km. in Baitarni Delta.

The Project report of Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project Stage-I estimated to cost Rs. 188.59 crores was received in the Central Water Commission in August, 1974. The State Government was required to sort out various techno-economic issues. As the State Government did not sort out these techno-economic issues, the project was sent back to the State Government on 5.10.1983. The State Government is required to submit modified report on the basis of the comments of the Central Water Commission

Project report on stage-II of the project has not been received in Central Water Commission from the State Government, so far.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) The State Government is required to submit modified report for techno-economic appraisal.

Air India's Flight Schedule

3108. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had pulled up the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Senior Ministry Officials, including the then Secretary, for mismanagement of international carrier Air India's flight schedule;
- (b) if so, whether the Prime Minister was critical of frequent cancellations and diversion of aircraft by Air India;
- (c) if so, whether the Prime Minister had issued certain directions to ensure that such operations are planned properly, without disturbing other flights;