

(d) the details and present status of the draft policy regarding controlling stake to foreign players in infrastructure projects etc. in the aviation sector prepared by his Ministry for consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d) The modalities for permitting foreign

equity and NRI equity participation in the domestic air transport services sector are under formulation.

Plans regarding private sector investment in the airport infrastructure are also under formulation.

The details of foreign investment allowed in domestic air transport services sectors are enclosed as *statement*.

Statement

Companies in which Foreign/NRI Equity has been approved

S.No.	Name of the Company	Percentage of Foreign/NRI equity	Remarks
1.	Jet Airways (India) Ltd.	20% foreign equity by Gulf Air 20% foreign equity by Kuwait Air 60% NRI equity	A scheduled private operator
2.	Bengal Air Services Ltd.	5% foreign equity by M/s. Necon Air, Nepal	NOC holder for scheduled operation
3.	Lufthansa Cargo India Pvt. Ltd.	95% NRI/OCB equity (57% NRI by Hinduja Group) (38% by Lufthansa AG, Germany)	NOC holder for air Cargo Services
4.	TCG Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	100% NRI/OCB equity by TCG Aviation, Mauritius	Applicant for NOC to operate air Cargo Services
5.	Elbee Airlines	55.84% NRI/OCB by CSLB Aviation Holding (Mauritius) Ltd.	A non-scheduled air Cargo operator
6.	Modiluft Ltd.	Foreign direct investment (FDI) through GDR issue of US \$ 60.00 million	Already a scheduled private operator.

Diagnostic Centres under ESI Schemes

[Translation]

1038. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of diagnostic centres functioning in Karnataka to cater to the needs of insured persons under ESI Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more diagnostic centres in Karnataka after the hike in wage ceiling;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether new diagnostic centres are proposed to be opened in Mysore also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e) In Karnataka there are 145 ESI dispensaries, 7 ESI hospitals and one diagnostic centre where OPD, indoor and specialists' services are provided to the insured persons covered under the ESI Scheme. At present there is no proposal from the Government of Karnataka for opening of any new Diagnostic Centre in the State.

Use of Hindi

1039. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has installed modern gadgets such as computers, telex machines, teleprinters etc. which are in Roman Script and these are being converted into bilingual;

(b) if so, the manner in which these bilingual gadgets will be put into use by the Ministry;

(c) the manner in which the use of Hindi will be promoted;

(d) whether the Ministry has given exemption for use of Hindi to their offices located in Region 'A' where work has to be done cent present in Hindi; and

(e) if so, the reasons for giving such an exemption?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism is already having bilingual computers and telex machines which are being used to promote Hindi in the office work.

- (d) No, Sir.
 (e) Does not arise.

[English]

Gauge Conversion

1040. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take up the gauge conversion of Siliguri-Alipurduar-Bongaigaon line;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal has also requested the Union Government to take up the conversion work of above line immediately; and

(c) if so, the time by which conversion work is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1997-98, after the budget is passed and necessary clearance have been obtained.

[Translation]

Amount spent on Jaipur Airport

1041. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent so far on conversion of Jaipur Airport into International Airport;

(b) whether sufficient land has been acquired for this airport;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the above work; and

(d) the types of aircrafts likely to take off from Jaipur airport and by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) A sum of Rs. 12.85 crores has been spent for the upgradation of Jaipur Airport.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Rajasthan has plans to acquire 299 acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.72 crores for further development of this airport by AAI.

(d) With the completion of upgradation work on hand Airbus-320 type of aircraft can be operated without load restrictions by mid-1997. No definite time frame for operation of larger aircraft from Jaipur airport can be indicated at this stage.

Fax, STD, Telex Facilities in Tourist Cities in Madhya Pradesh

1042. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide facilities such as STD, FAX, TELEX etc. at Khajuraho, Mandu, Orchha, Maheshwar, Onkareshwar, Amarkantak, Chitrakut and Panchanmari the major tourist cities situated in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which these facilities are likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) S.T.D. facility has already been provided at Khajuraho, Mandu, Maheshwar, Onkareshwar, Chitrakut and Panchamari. This facility is proposed to be provided at Orchha and Amarkantak during 97-98.

Bureaufax facility is presently available at Panchamari. There is a proposal under consideration to provide it at Khajuraho, Mandu, Orchha, Maheshwar, Onkareshwar, Chitrakut and Amarkantak during 1997-98.

Telex facility is available only at Khajuraho.

(c) There is no proposal for provision of TELEX facility at Mandu, Orchha, Maheshwar, Onkareshwar, Amarkantak, Chitrakut and Panchamari as there is no demand at these places.

[English]

On-Going Railway Projects in Orissa

1043. SHRI K. PRADHANI :
 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the on-going railway projects in Orissa and the amount spent thereon so far;

(b) the target date fixed for their completion and the progress of these projects, as on date;

(c) the allocation made for these projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise; and

(d) the funds earmarked for these projects during Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) The