

SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV :

SHRI P.V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines and Air India are out dated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof upto 31st March, 1997 alongwith the reasons for keeping such aircrafts;
- (c) whether the Government propose to replace these aircrafts;
- (d) if so, the difficulties being faced by the Government in solving this problem;
- (e) the sources from where the new aircrafts are proposed to be purchased and the cost estimated for the renewal programme alongwith the time by which new aircrafts are likely to be inducted by IA and AI;
- (f) the number of aircrafts replaced during the last three years;
- (g) the profit/loss to these airlines during the said period;
- (h) the future plans to reduce the losses; and
- (i) the number of planes added to fleets by these airlines and also grounded during the period from 1st April, 1996 to December 31, 1996 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Air India and Indian Airlines have not replaced any aircraft during last 3 years.

(g) Details of profit/loss of Air India and Indian Airlines during last 3 years are as under:

Year	(Rs. in crores)	
	Air India Profit/(Loss)	Indian Airlines Profit/(Loss)
1994-95	40.80	(188.73)
1995-96	(271.84)	(109.98)
1996-97*	(280.00)	(24.00)

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(h) Air India and Indian Airlines are taking steps to improve their product, image and on time performance to attract more passengers and to increase revenue.

(i) Two B-747-400 aircraft have been added to the fleet of Air India during April to December 1996, whereas no aircraft added to the fleet of Indian Airlines during this period.

Security to TV Towers

5343. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government propose to make security arrangements for the maintenance of T.V. Towers established or proposed to be established in the country particularly in hilly areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) Security coverage is given to all studios, High Power Transmitters and Low Power Transmitters which have perceivable security threat. This policy is uniformly adopted throughout the country irrespective of location of the installation. The security cover provided by the state armed police varies depending on the prevailing law and order situation in the district in which the installation is located. Very Low Power Transmitters are unmanned and no security coverage is provided to these.

[English]

Modernisation of Air Traffic Service at Mumbai/Delhi

5344. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI :

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government had sanctioned a project called Modernisation of Air Traffic Service at Mumbai and Delhi (MATS-BD) in 1990;
- (b) if so, whether this project has not been completed so far;
- (c) if so, the main reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government have asked the civil aviation authorities to probe the delay in the project;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the safety committee headed by Air Marshal J.K. Seth has given some recommendations regarding Air Traffic Control System at Bombay; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The main reasons were initial delay due to litigation, delayed acquisition of land for execution of civil and electrical works, change in scope of work for inclusion of Future Air Navigation System, failure of some components supplied by the turnkey contractor, disruption due to heavy monsoons in 1994 etc.

(d) and (e) Director General of Civil Aviation attributed the same reasons for the delay in the implementation of the project. Necessary approvals have been obtained for the revised cost estimates. The project is being monitored on a weekly basis. The Delhi Project will be completed in May, 1997 and Mumbai Project by the end of June, 1997.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. However, the Committee headed by Air Marshal Seth have given some recommendations on the location of Control Tower and Technical Building. A Task Force has been appointed to implement the recommendations of this Committee.

[Translation]

UDC Cadres in DOT

5345. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether UDC cadres in Department of Telecommunication are being adversely affected in the present setup;

(b) whether any remedial measures have been taken in Department of Post to protect UDC's;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Department of Communications to protect UDC's cadre?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Department of Personnel and Training is the nodal Department controlling the cadres of UDCs in all Ministries/Departments participating in the Central Secretariat Clerical Service. The interest of UDCs in all Ministries/Departments, including the Departments of Telecommunications and Posts is watched in accordance with the instructions issued from time to time by the said nodal Department.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Broadcasting Range of Doordarshan/AIR in Madhya Pradesh

5346. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the transmission of Doordarshan and Akashvani Centres are not received in some parts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to increase the transmitters during the current year and the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether the Government also propose to set up some Doordarshan relay centres in the State; and

(d) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be setup ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to target hitherto uncovered areas in the State. During the 8th Plan, new radio stations were commissioned at Guna and Sagar and transmitters at Bhopal, Gwalior and Jagdalpur have been replaced by new high power transmitters. In addition, 3 Local Radio stations at Mandla, Saralpalli and Rajgarh with 1 KW MW Transmitters and MP studio are under implementation. As a part of its expansion plans, Doordarshan has 6 LPTs and 5 VLPTs under implementation. Although the 9th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised, adequate measures have been taken to increase coverage in the area.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details are in the statement attached.

Statement

Under Implementation	Proposed (Scheme to be sanctioned)
LPTs	HPTs
Garot	Ambikapur
Bhanpura	Guna
Sitamau	Shahdol
Piparia	Sagar
Bada Malehra	
Sarangarh	
VLPTs	LPTa
Singrauli	Kharod
Koylibeda	Multai
Pandra Road	Pathalgaon
Modakpal	
Bijapur	

All the LPTs/VLPTs under implementation are expected to be completed during 1997-98 subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and sanction of staff for operation and maintenance of the projects.

Lead time involved in implementation of HPTs is about 3 to 4 years and for LPTs about one to two years after