

(b) the action taken by the Government to provide computerised Railway Reservation Services at Jaipur Keonjhar Road Junction which is beneficial for several Districts of Orissa and significantly contributing to Railway economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Provision of computerised passenger reservation facilities is an on-going process and these facilities are provided at stations as per norms and subject to the availability of funds. The reservation work load at Jaipur Keonjhar Road Junction is much less than the criterion of reservation related transactions per day and does not justify provision of these facilities at present. It can be considered when the criterion is met.

Survey for New Railway Line under Eastern Railway

6331. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey work has been undertaken for new Railway line under Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) the details are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the Survey
1	2
1.	Updating of survey for a new line from Rajgir to Gaya.
2.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-traffic Survey for a new BG line from Giridih to Koderma.
3.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Ranchi-Hazaribagh-Gaya.
4.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Sealdah-Dumdum
5.	Updating Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Girdih to Koderma.
6.	Final Location Survey and detailed investigations for the Gunga bridge at Patna.
7.	Reconnaissance type feasibility-cum-traffic survey for new line from Tarakeshwar to Arambagh.
8.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for reopening of Bongaon-Petrapole rail line.
9.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Dehri-on-Sone to Barwadih.
10.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Koderma-Hazaribagh-Garwa road.

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11.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Chunar to Sasaram.
12.	Updating of Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG from Dumka to Baidyanath Dham.
13.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Pirpanti to Merry-go-round of NTPC.
14.	Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for Gaya-Chatra BG rail line.
15.	Survey for Fatua-Islampur-Rajgir-Manpur-Gaya line.
16.	Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Budge to Falta.
17.	Reconnaissance Engg.-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line between Budge Budge-Namkhana-Frazerganj.

Shortage of Pilots in IA and AI

6332. SHRI K.S. RAYADU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Indian Airlines and Air India are short of pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that many pilots have resigned to join other airlines; and

(d) the reasons for such resignation and steps taken to prevent resignation in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) There is no shortage of Commanders in Indian Airlines. However there is a shortage of 28 trained Commanders in Air India.

(c) and (d) No Pilot has resigned from Indian Airlines after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Management and Indian Commercial Pilots Association in January, 1996.

Three Commanders and one Co-Pilot resigned from Air India during the period from 1st January, 1996 to 30th April, 1997 on grounds of personal/medical reasons. Air India is taking steps to introduce productivity linked incentive schemes to make the total package of allowances attractive for pilots.

IA Crack Force

6333. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "IA crack force to tame passengers" appearing in the Delhi edition of the Indian Express dated February 8, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the results

likely to be accrued by setting up of the crack force; and

(c) the strength and composition of the above force?

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

(b) and (c) The aim of the crack force is to impart professional training in unarmed combat to selected young and physically fit personnel within Indian Airlines security set up, in order to form the first line of defence in the event of any untoward incident. The force will be part and parcel of the existing staff strength.

[Translation]

Post Offices in Rental Building

6334. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices of Delhi circle

functioning in private houses from 1992, till date; and

(b) the number of post offices vacated from the private house alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of post offices of the Delhi Circle functioning in private houses from 1992 to till date are:-

1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 (as on 12.5.97)
217	216	212	210	206	203

(b) 26 Post Offices have been vacated from the rented buildings to suitable alternate rented/Departmental buildings from 1.1.92 to 30.4.97.

Reasons for vacation is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of Post Offices vacated from the rented buildings during the period from 1.1.92 to 30.4.97 and reasons therefor.

S.No.	Name of the Post Office	Reasons for Vacation
1	2	3
1.	Lekhu Nagar Po	On the persistent request of the land lord.
2.	Bharat Nagar Po	-do-
3.	GH. B. Paschimvihar Po	-do-
4.	Maidan Hotel Po	On the request of the Hotel authorities.
5.	Adarsh Nagar Po	On the request of the land lord.
6.	Shakurbasti R.S. Po	-do-
7.	Narela Po	On the orders of the Hon'ble Court.
8.	DCM Mills Po	Due to closure of the Mill.
9.	Rohini, Po	On construction of our Deptl. Bldg.
10.	"8" Block Paschim Vihar	-do-
11.	Paschimvihar Po	-do-
12.	Rajouri Market Po	On the request of the land lord.
13.	Panjabi Bagh Sec. III	-do-
14.	Mahavirnagar Po	-do-
15.	Jail Road Po	-do-
16.	M.B.S. Nagar Po	-do-
17.	Lalit Makan Nagar Po	-do-
18.	Govindapuri Po	-do-