

based Power Station in Delhi is also envisaged in the 8th Plan subject to the availability of resources.

### **Extension to Run-Way of Jaipur Airport**

199. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on December 26, 1990, to Unstarred Question No. 523 regarding extension to run-way of Jaipur Airport and state :

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has since diverted the road running across the Jaipur airport land ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Rajasthan has been repeatedly requested to divert the village track so that the runway at the Jaipur airport could be extended, but they have not yet done, so.

[*Translation*]

### **Suspension of Trains due to Gulf Crisis**

200. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of trains suspended due to gulf crisis ;

(b) whether the Government propose to restore these trains ;

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 41

Pairs of Mail/Express/Passenger trains were suspended.

(b) and (c) All the suspended trains except 8631/8632 Hatia-Varanasi Express (bi-weekly) have been restored.

### **Tourist Places in Rajasthan**

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

(a) whether the number of local tourists and foreign tourists visiting Rajasthan is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the percentage of the foreign tourists who are likely to visit Rajasthan during the year ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop new tourist places and to provide more facilities at the existing tourist places keeping in view the number of tourists visiting Rajasthan ;

(d) whether the State Government has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for concurrence in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposal and the time by which it is likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The number of foreign tourists visiting Rajasthan has been increasing continuously during the last three years, though there has been a decline in domestic tourist arrivals in the State during 1990.

(b) About 31 percent of the foreign tourists coming to India visit Rajasthan.

(c) to (e) Development of tourism infrastructure is a continuous process and it is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. However, financial assistance is provided by the Central Government on the basis of specific proposals received from the States subject to availability of funds and relative merits. During the current financial year, the State Government of Rajasthan submitted two proposals for augmenting tourist facilities in the State. Both these proposals have been sanctioned.

### **International Airports**

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

(a) the names of the places where international airports are located at present and the criteria adopted for their establishment ; and

(b) the time by which Sanganer airport would be converted into an international airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Trivandrum. The broad criterion for establishment of international airports is the regional international traffic emanating from that area that would commercially attract international scheduled carriers and justify the massive investment required for building or upgrading an airport to international standards.

(b) There is no such proposal under Government's consideration.

[English]

### **Electrification of Railways Lines on S. E. R.**

203. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of railway tracks electrified till date in the country (both broad and metre gauge) ; and

(b) by when the tracks on Khurda Road and Kharagpur divisions of South-Eastern Railway are likely to be electrified and the details of the scheme thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 28.7% of Board Gauge.

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16.2% overall.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to electrify any further sections on Kharagpur or Khurda Road Divisions of South Eastern Railway.

### **Railway Line from Talcher to Gopalpur (Orissa)**

204. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUHDURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Orissa government have submitted a proposal for the construction of a railway line from Talcher to Gopalpur for transport of coal to Southern region for thermal power stations ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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