

N. Frontier	236
Southern	130
South Central	206
South Eastern	136
Western	546
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Total :	2511
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Government for the development of tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether the Union Government have allocated the required funds in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?

#### CONVERSION OF RAILWAY CROSSINGS INTO OVER-BRIDGES

971. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to plan any long-term scheme to convert railway crossings into overbridges to check frequent accidents;

(b) the number of crossings on heavy density railway lines replaced by overbridges during the last three years; and

(c) the number of railway crossings in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh separately replaced by overbridges during the last two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the interest of safety and uninterrupted flow of railroad traffic, the Railways, in consultation with the State Government, have been including the works of construction of Road over/under bridges in replacement of busy level crossings in their Annual Works Programmes.

(b) 30

(c) one in Bihar and five in Uttar Pradesh.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN BIHAR

972. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has made some proposals to the Union

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through discussions with the Government of Bihar the following projects were identified or 1991-92 :—

4 Tourist Complexes

3 Tourist lodges; wayside amenities

1 Yatri Niwas

Public convenience at 5 places and purchase of tents and water sports equipment.

(c) to (e) An amount of Rs. 234 lakhs has been earmarked for the above scheme. An amount of Rs. 11.02 lakhs has been sanctioned for procurement of Water Sports equipment during 1991-92. Specific proposals alongwith detailed estimates are awaited from the State Government in respect of the other projects.

[English]

#### RESTRUCTURING OF VAYUDOOT SERVICES

973. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted a study for the inconvenience caused due to stoppage of air services and connection of air-routes/airports to the passengers and travelling public with the closure of Vayudoot;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines have failed to provide and take over the services earlier served by the Vayudoot;

(c) whether any effort would now be made to restructure the Vayudoot or any other airlines to reduce the inconvenience of travelling public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the services earlier operated by Vayudoot cannot be taken over by the Indian Airlines because the runways at those airports and the traffic demand to those places are not suitable for the type of aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines, namely, Airbus A-300, Airbus A-320 and Boeing 737.

(c) and (d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. At the same time, Government is encouraging private air taxi operators to provide more air services.

[Translation]

PRATAPGANJ BIRPUR RAILWAY  
LINE (NER)

974. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned the new rail line from Pratapganj station to Birpur in the North-Eastern railway;

(b) if so, whether land has been acquired for this rail line; and

(c) if so, the time by which the construction work will be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EXPANSION OF COMPUTERISATION  
IN RAILWAYS

975. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

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(a) the details of the various programmes being implemented for the expansion of computerisation in railways in the current financial year;

(b) the achievements made in regard to computerisation during 1990-91; and

(c) the extent of computerisation in Eastern and North-Eastern Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The details of various programmes for computerisation to be taken up during the current financial year are as under :—

- (i) Computerisation of Passenger Reservation Systems at 8 stations, viz., Varanasi, Jodhpur, Agra, Vadodara, Nagpur, Surat, Tiruchi and Coimbatore;
- (ii) Computerised onward and return journey facilities between Madras and Secunderabad;
- (iii) Development of in-house maintenance expertise for the Hardware for reservation computer segment at Bombay;
- (iv) Installation of divisional computerised management information systems on two divisions, viz., Hyderabad and Jodhpur;
- (v) Installation of micro processor based self printing ticketing machines at Delhi;
- (vi) Computer based global enquiry at Delhi;
- (vii) Computerised parcel handling system at Delhi;
- (viii) Computerised claims information systems on Northern, Eastern, Western and South Central Railways;
- (ix) Computer aided design facilities on Southern and South Eastern Railways;
- (x) Computerised Management Information System in 10 Stores Depots;