

[English]

Seating capacity in IA Fleet

*480. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANT-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose to increase the seating capacity in its fleet during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines plans to augment its capacity by 25-30 per cent during the current financial year with the phased re-induction of the A-320 aircraft. This capacity increase would be spread over the network, consistent with the traffic growth occurring on different routes.

Mangalore Refinery

*481. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-
YAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in respect of setting up of Mangalore Refinery;

(b) the time by which the refinery is likely to start functioning; and

(c) the total estimated cost of the refinery?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The project, which is estimated to cost Rs. 1160 crores (at June, 1990 prices) has been approved by Government in April, 1991 and is expected to be commissioned by April, 1995.

Suspension of Services of Airbus A-320

*482. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to suspend again all the services of Airbus A-320 due to mechanical defects; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Hajipur-Bettiah Railway Line

*483. SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand for construction of railway line between Hajipur and Bettiah via Vaishali, Devariya, Sahibganj and Arerajin Bihar;

(b) whether the Government had conducted a survey in this regard; and

(c) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Working Capital Management in ITDC

*484. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in November, 1974 the Administrative Reforms Commission had studied and submitted its report on two aspects of 'working capital management' i.e.

- (i) Management of Inventory and
- (ii) Management of Accounts Receivable, in the India Tourism Development Corporation in 1975 and 1976 respectively; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Commission and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, At the request of ITDC, the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms in the latter half of 1974 made a comprehensive study of existing procedures of ITDC Delhi based hotels relating to purchases, billing, collection etc. and submitted its reports on 'Inventory Management' in June 1975 and on 'Accounts Receivable Management' in October 1976.