

Giridih-Ranchi Railway Line

1926. SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been conducted to connect Giridih to Hazaribagh and Hazaribagh to Ranchi with railway lines;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting the said project so far; and

(c) when it is proposed to be implemented?

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

(b) As the project is unremunerative, it has not been approved by the Planning Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Additional Train Services on Dombivali-Diva-Vasai Section

1927. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start additional train services on Dombivali-Diva-Vasai section;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to lack of infrastructure facilities.

Grounding of Aircraft

1928. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and type of aircraft that are operational in domestic flight under the Indian Airlines;

(b) the number of aircraft of the Indian Airlines that have been grounded;

(c) whether a large number of grounded aircraft have affected domestic flight; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government are taking to reduce grounding of aircraft and to make travel easy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present, Indian Airlines is operating 7 Airbus A-300, 12 Airbus A-320 and 19 Boeing 737 aircraft daily in its scheduled services.

(b) 3 Airbus A-300, 6 Airbus A-320 and 5 Boeing 737 aircraft of Indian Airlines are presently on ground for routine maintenance. One Airbus A-300 is on ground for mandatory modifications.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) 3 more Airbus A-320 will be reinducted into scheduled services in the forthcoming winter schedule.

Shortage of Rolling Stock

1929. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are facing shortage of electric and diesel locomotives, passenger coaches and wagons currently;

(b) if so, the existing position thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the requirements in view of resources crunch?