Factories Owned by the Government

S.No.	Name of Railway	Location
1.	Northern	Subedarganj
2.	Northern	Khalispur

Implementation of Bachhawat Award

Written Answers

- 207. SHRI SURESH PRABHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:
- (a) the present status in regard to the implementation of Bachhawat Award for working journalists:
- (b) the action taken against the newspapers which have not implemented the recommendations;
- (c) the amount lost due to the non-implementation of this award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per information available from the State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations, out of 1572 newspapers establishments, 628 have fully and 32 have partially implemented the recommendations of Bachawat Award:

- (b) Under the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, responsibility for enforcement lies with the State Governments. The Central Government has time and again beer impressing upon the State Governments for speedy implementation of recommendations of Bachawat Award and
- (c) No such records are maintained by Government [Translation]

Agreement between India and Australia

208 SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH KUMARI UMA BHARATI : SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state $\dot{\cdot}$

- (a) whether any agreement regarding air services has been signed between India and Australia recently
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the time by which the said agreement is likely to come in force?

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

- (b) The salient features of the agreement signed or 16.10.1996 are :
 - i. The capacity has been increased to 1450 seats/week for each side with immediate effect which will be further raised to 1650 seats/week and to 2100 seats/week in November 1997 and November 1998 respectively.

- ii. Australian carriers can serve Calcutta. Delhi and Mumbai and combine Calcutta with Delhi or Mumbai on the same flight. The designated airline of India can continue to combine three points of call in Australia on the same flight.
- (c) The above revised entitlements have come into force on the date of signature of the Memorandum of Understanding i.e. 16 10 96

[English]

Outstanding Dues against Railways

- 209. SHRI SHARAD PAWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Railways have to pay a huge amount to Maharashtra on account of deployment of Police Force of the State on railway duties since 1979.
 - (b) if so, the details thereof.

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- (c) the reasons for such a long delay in making the payment to the State Government, and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite payment of above outstanding dues to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ). (a) and (b) The total outstanding with the railways at present is Rs. 6.61 crores. However, this amount does not include claims of approximately Rs. 22.57 crores rejected by Central Railway on account of creation of posts of GRP personnel without the approval of Railway administration.

- (c) The reasons attributed to the delay in payment are as under $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$
 - Non-submission of audit certificate by the State Government.
 - Constraints of budget provision for the purpose.
 - Unilateral creation of GRP posts by the State Government without approval of Railway administration.
- (d) Clearly admissible bills will be passed in 1996 97 subject to the availability of funds.

[Translation]

Paucity of Drinking Water at the Railway Stations situated in Rural Areas

- 210. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.
- (a) whether the Government are aware that there is paucity of drinking water at the railway stations situated in rural areas.

- (b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to provide drinking water facility at the said railway stations.
- (c) whether the Government are also aware that there is no arrangement of drinking water facility at Kapargaon Railway Station where thousands of Pilgrims come daily to visit Shirdi-Sai Baba temple and whether Government propose to make any arrangements in this regard.
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e). Facility of drinking water in one way or other is provided invariably at all railway stations of Indian Railways, irrespective of the fact whether they fall under rural or urban area.

Kopargaon railway station has railway's own well as well as water suply connection from the local authority. Sufficient water taps, a water cooler, water hut with 6 Gharas and 3 water trollys are provided at the station which are adequate for the level of traffic handled.

[English]

Acquisition of Land

- 211. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have acquired any land for the International Airport Authority of India along Delhi-Jaipur National Highway No. 8 adjacent to Palam Airport:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the total acreage of land acquired and compensation paid to farmers.
- (c) the purpose for which the acquired land has been earmarked: and
- (d) the details of the land taken into use as on September 30 1996?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d). More than 3500 acres of land surrounding/abutting Palam airport was acquired by the Civil Aviation Department through the Delhi Administration for the development of Delhi Airport. Precise figures of compensation paid are not available. This land subsequently came under the control of International Airports Authority of India. National Highway No. 8 has also been diverted from its previous location, due to operational reasons and has been constructed on the lands acquired from adjoining Mahipalpur and Rangpuri Villages. Actual utilisation of land by Airports Authority of India as on 30-9-1996 at