

### Operation of A 320 Aircraft at Cochin

343. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the much need demand of the people of Kerala to have A 320 Aircraft Operation at Cochin Airport; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The runway available at Cochin Airport is 6000 feet but it is a unidirectional runway and the available landing distance is only 5,645 feet. Suitability of this airport for A 320 operations is being assessed by a Committee constituted with representatives of Director General of Civil Aviation, Indian Airlines, CTE Hyderabad and Airports Authority of India.

[Translation]

### Railway Link

344. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to link Bulandshahar and Khurja in Uttar Pradesh with Delhi through a railway-line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted/ proposed to be conducted in this regard by the Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the above cities are likely to be linked with Delhi through railway line?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

### Central Studio of Doordarshan

345. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the facilities are available in Central Studio of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons for its floor lying vacant and hiring stage and equipments; and

(c) the amount spent thereon during the last two years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Central Production Centre (CPC) is a better equipped studio complex compared to other studios available at different kendras. It has two studios with all basic facilities for programme production.

(b) The studios of CPC remain continuously engaged throughout the year for production of programmes to meet the requirement of various Doordarshan channels. Despite having all the basic facilities, CPC requires support facilities such as recording-studio, proportionate editing facilities and Electronic Field Production (EFP) accessories, which are hired as per requirement. Stage is hired on very special occasions when the production demands large space.

(c) The expenditure incurred on hiring of stage and equipments during this period was Rs. 14,84,594/-

### Damage to Bridge at Chhota Udaipur Region

346. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the culvert constructed on Dokhaliya drain near Bodali on Jambusar - Chhota Udaipur metre gauge railway line in Chhota Udaipur under the Western Railway and the bridge on river Bharaj have been damaged;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds have been allocated for their repairs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the bridge and culvert are likely to be repaired?

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

(b) Dokhaliya - 1 x 6.1 m. Girder Bridge was completely damaged.

Bharaj - Two spans of 12 x 18.3G Bridge were washed away.

(c) to (e). The matter is under consideration.

### New Electronic Media Policy

347. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make policy changes in the news programmes by disallowing private

producers to telecast news programmes from Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on media; and

(c) the details of other major policy changes under consideration/finalisation under new Electronic Media Policy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Finalisation of Bills on Broadcasting and Amendment to Prasar Bharati Act is under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

#### Passenger Amenities at the Railway Stations of Maharashtra

348. SHRI NAMDEO DIVATHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of such Railway Stations in Maharashtra where Restaurants, Waiting Rooms, Drinking Water facility, Retiring Room and Shed over the platforms are not available;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide these facilities at these stations during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). Facilities such as drinking water, waiting halls, seating arrangement and latrines are provided at all stations. Amenities such as refreshment rooms, retiring rooms, sheds on platforms etc. are provided based on the importance of the station, the volume of traffic handled at the station and the number of long distance trains stopping, originating or terminating at the station. Therefore, the availability of amenities at all Stations will not be uniform. Important stations and stations with a large volume of traffic are provided with all amenities whereas smaller stations, with a relatively meagre volume of traffic, are not provided with the same quantum of amenities.

However, as a continuous process, the Railway conduct surveys to ascertain the adequacy of amenities at every station and the deficiencies, wherever noticed, are made good by including suitable works in the Railways Annual Work Programmes and subject to the availability of funds.

The Ministry of Railways, however, does not maintain this information state-wise.

[English]

#### Doordarshan/AIR Projects in Orissa

349. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for setting up of AIR stations completed/Pending in Orissa, location-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far,

(c) the details of the Doordarshan/AIR projects proposed to be undertaken during the current plan period;

(d) the number of such projects likely to be set up in Tribal Areas, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) As in statement enclosed.

(c) and (d). AIR plans to start two more schemes of Local Radio Stations in tribal areas at Soro and Rairangpur, whereas DDn proposes to set up three additional transmitters at Berhampur, Bahalda and Paikamal for which schemes are yet to be approved. This is in addition to 37 transmitters (including those in tribal areas) Studio set up at Bhawanipatna and Sambalpur (Permanent Set up) which are under implementation in Orissa.

#### STATEMENT

S No	Name of scheme	Commissioned on	Capital expenditure (Rs. in lakhs) (Approx.)
1	2	3	4
@ 1	Local Radio Station at Berhampur	1.4.1993	274.93
2	Local Radio Station at Bolangir	29.12.1993	242.87
@ 3	Local Radio Station at Rourkela	20.4.1995	297.45
4	Local Radio Station at Puri	29.6.1995	168.08
@ 5	New Radio Station at Bhawani Patna	30.12.1996	697.22
6	LRS at Joranda	3.10.1995	186.60
7	Upgradation of 20 KW MW Tr. to 100 KW at Jeypore	16.9.1993	195.41
8	Stereo channel with 6 KW FM Tr. PB Studio at Cuttack	27.5.1994	39.48