

Flights on Agartala-Calcutta-Delhi Route

3106. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any plan to introduce direct regular flights on Agartala-Calcutta-Delhi route;
- (b) if so, by which time such flights are likely to be operated;
- (c) if not, the alternative plan for direct air link between Agartala and Delhi;
- (d) whether the Government also propose to introduce flights of small passenger aircraft to link Kamalpur and Kailashahar airports of Tripura with the State Headquarters of North-Eastern States and Calcutta; and
- (e) if so, the time by which such flights are likely to be operated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air, at present, has no plans to introduce new services. However, passengers desirous of travelling between Agartala and Delhi can avail themselves of convenient connections via Calcutta on six days of the week. Private operators are also being encouraged to add more stations, including North-Eastern States, on their networks, subject to viability.

Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project

3107. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Bhima Kund Multipurpose project of Orissa has been neglected;
- (b) if not, the present status of this project;
- (c) when the project report on it was received alongwith the details of the report and the cost involved in it;
- (d) whether this project report was returned to the State Government;
- (e) if so, when and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the project report on stage-II has also

been received;

- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps proposed to be taken to finalise the project expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (e) The Government of Orissa proposes to take up Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project in two stages. The Stage I envisages construction of a dam across river Baitarani at Neopara and a power house at dam site with installed Capacity of 3x16 MW and second power house at Baigudi with installed capacity of 3x115 MW. The Project will also provide flood benefits to an area of 1400 sq. km. in Baitarni Delta.

The Project report of Bhima Kund Multipurpose Project Stage-I estimated to cost Rs. 188.59 crores was received in the Central Water Commission in August, 1974. The State Government was required to sort out various techno-economic issues. As the State Government did not sort out these techno-economic issues, the project was sent back to the State Government on 5.10.1983. The State Government is required to submit modified report on the basis of the comments of the Central Water Commission

Project report on stage-II of the project has not been received in Central Water Commission from the State Government, so far.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) The State Government is required to submit modified report for techno-economic appraisal.

Air India's Flight Schedule

3108. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had pulled up the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Senior Ministry Officials, including the then Secretary, for mismanagement of international carrier Air India's flight schedule;
- (b) if so, whether the Prime Minister was critical of frequent cancellations and diversion of aircraft by Air India;
- (c) if so, whether the Prime Minister had issued certain directions to ensure that such operations are planned properly, without disturbing other flights;

(d) if so, to what extent the Ministry has agreed to look into all complaints in this regard; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (e) No Sir, the question of P.M.'s pulling up the Ministry of Civil Aviation does not arise. The Ministry of Civil Aviation was asked to take appropriate measures to ensure that normal services of Air India are not disrupted to sustain the Air Lines' credibility and to ensure that the record of reliability of services by the airlines was built up.

Air India has since been directed to ensure that no cancellation of scheduled flights or withdrawal of capacity from routes/sectors is resorted to unless there be very compelling operational or technical reasons for doing so. Even in such circumstances, the management should keep the general public informed well in advance.

With regard to the Haj operations, Air India has been asked to plan the leasing of charter aircraft well in advance and if possible, try to enter into a contract for the next 3 to 5 years.

SC/ST In the Ministry

3107. SHRI KACHARU BHARU RAUT :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the post-wise number of appointments made in the departments/undertakings under his Ministry during the last three years, till date;

(b) the post-wise number of those candidates belonging to SCs/STs out of the total number of appointments made;

(c) whether some posts reserved for SCs/STs are still lying vacant;

(d) if so, the post-wise details thereof;

(e) the steps taken or being taken to fill up the reserved vacant posts; and

(f) the time by which these vacant reserved posts are likely to be filled and the reasons for the delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (f) Requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement I and II.

Statement-I

Statement laid on Table of the Sabha as Part of the Question No. 3109 Listed for 11.8.1997

Department of Tourism

Post-wise Appointments made in the Department of Tourism and the Candidates belonging to SCs/STs out of those.

S. No.	Name of Post	1994			1995			1996			1997		
		Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	Dy. Director General	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Director	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assistant Director	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
4.	Accounts Officer	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
5.	Assistant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
6.	Confidential Assistant	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Sr. Hindi Translator	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Jr. Hindi Translator	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Data Processing Assistant (Gr. A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Information Assistant	7	3	-	10	1	1	8	3	1	-	3	1