

*[English]***Aviation Turbine Fuel**

411. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH :
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :
SHRI PANJAK CHOWDHARY:
DR. Y.S. RAJASHEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA: GAVIT
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that one of the reasons for the losses of Indian Airlines and also for the closure of several private airlines is that the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) was not supplied to them at global prices;

(b) if so, the representation that has been received to this effect to provide ATF at global prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is true that the high cost of Air Turbine Fuel, which constitutes around 30% of operational cost, is a heavy burden on Indian Airlines and other Private airlines in India. Representations are being received from various domestic operators to provide Air Turbine Fuel (ATF) at cheaper rates, at par with international airlines.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

*[Translation]***Akashvani Kendras**

412. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI
CHIKHALIA:
SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Akashvani Kendras that have been functioning in the country at present, category-wise and state-wise;

(b) the names of these Akashvani Kendras which are technically ready but yet to start broadcasting programmes; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to broadcast programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are 194 AIR Stations/Relay Centres functioning in the country. State-wise details of the stations are enclosed in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) AIR Relay Centre with 1 KWMW Transmitter at Uttarkashi is the only station which is technically ready and is awaiting commissioning. It is expected to be commissioned during November, 1997 itself.

Statement*Existing A.I.R Stations with Power*

S.No.	State & Place	Power of the Transmitter	No. of AIR Stations in the State
1	2	3	4
ANDHRA PRADESH			12
1.	Hyderabad	50 KW MW 10 KW MW 50 KW MW 2X3 KW FM	(VB)
2.	Adilabad	1 KW MW (LRS)	
3.	Vijayawada	100 KW MW 1 KW MW	
4.	Vishakhapatnam	100 KW FW	
5.	Cuddagah	100 KW MW	
6.	Kotahagudam	2x3 KW FM	
7.	Warangal	2x5 MW FM	(LRS)
8.	Nizamabad	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
9.	Tirupathi	3 KW FM	(LRS)
10.	Anantapur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
11.	Kurnool	2X3 KW FM	(LRS)
12.	Merkapuram	2X3 KW FM	(LRS)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH			4
13.	Passighat	10 KW MW	
14.	Tawang	10 KW MW	
15.	Tezu	10 KW MW	
16.	Itanagar	100 KW MW 50 KW SW	

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	ASSAM		7	38. Rajkot	300 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		
17. Guwahati	50 KW MW 10 KW MW 50 KW SW (2 Nos.) 10 KW MW			39. Godhra	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
18. Silchar	10 KW MW			40. Surat	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
19. Dibrugarh	300 KW MW			41 Ahwa	1 KW MW		
20. Jorhat	2x5 KW FM (LRS.)			HARYANA			2
21. Haflong	2x3 KW FM (LRS)			42. Rohtak	20 KW MW		
22. Nowgong	2x3 KW FM (LRS)			43. Kurukshetra	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
23. Diphu	1 KW MW (LRS)			HIMACHAL PRADESH			6
	BIHAR		10	44. Simla	100 KW MW 50 KW SW		
24. Patna	100 KW MW 3 KW FM (VB)			45. Kasauli	2X5 KW FM (Relay Centre)		
25. Ranchi	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 2 KW SW			46. Hamirpur	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
26. Bhagalpur	20 KW MW			47. Dharamshala	2X5 KW FM		
27. Darbhanga	10 KW MW			48. Kullu	2X3 KW FM (Relay)		
28. Jamshedpur	1 KW MW			49. Kinnaur (Kalpa)	1 KW MW (Relay)		
29. Sasaram	2x3 KW FM (LRS)			JAMMU & KASHMIR			6
30. Purnea	2x3 KW FM (LRS)			50. Srinagar	200 KW MW 10 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 50 KW SW		
31. Chaibasa	2X3 KW FM (LRS)			51 Jammu	300 KW MW 1 KW SW (not operation) 3 KW FM		
32. Hazaribagh	2X3 KW FM (LRS)			52. Leh	10 KW MW 10 KW SW		
33. Daltonganj	2X5 KW FM (LRS)			53. Kathua	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
	GOA		1	54. Poonch	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		
34. Panaji	100 KW MW 20 KW MW (VB) 2X3 KW FM			55. Kargil	1 KW MW		
	GUJARAT		7	KARNATAKA			13
35. Ahmedabad	200 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 2x5 KW FM (VB)			56. Bangalore	200 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		
36. Vadodra	1 KW MW (VB)			57. Bhadravati	20 KW MW		
37. Bhuj	10 KW MW			58. Dharwad	200 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
59.	Gulbarga	10 KW MW		82.	Jadgalpur	100 KW MW	
60.	Mangalore/Udipi	20 KW MW (Udipi) 1 KW MW (Mangalore)		83.	Raipur	100 KW MW	
61.	Mysore	1 KW MW		84.	Rewa	20 KW MW	
62.	Chitradurg	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		85.	Khandwa	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
63.	Hassan	2X3 KW FM		86.	Bilaspur	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
64.	Hospet	2X5 KW FM (LRS)		87.	Betul	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
65.	Raichur	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		88.	Shivpuri	2X3 KW FM	
66.	Mercara	2x3 MW FM		89.	Chhindwara	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
67.	Karwar	3 KW FM (LRS)		90.	Raigarh	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
68.	Bijapur	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		91.	Shahdol	2x3 KW FM	
KERALA			7	92.	Balaghat	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
69.	Alleppey	100 KW MW (Relay Centre)		93.	Guna	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
70.	Calicut	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		94.	Sagar	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
71.	Trichur	100 KW MW		MAHARASHTRA			20
72.	Trivandrum	10 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 50 KW SW		95.	Aurangabad	1 KW MW	
73.	Cochin	2X3 KW FM (LRS) 2X5 KW FM (VB)		96.	Bombay	100 KW MW (2 Nos.) 50 KW MW 50 KW SW 2X5 KW FM	
74.	Cannanore	2X3 KW FM		97.	Jalgaon	20 KW FM	
75.	Iddukki(Devikulam)	2X3 KW FM		98.	Nagpur	1000 KW MW (National Channel) 100 KW MW 2X3 KW FM (VB)	
MADHYA PRADESH			19	99.	Parbhani	20 KW MW	
76.	Ambikapur	20 KW MW		100.	Pune	100 KW MW 2X3 KW FM (VB)	
77.	Bhopal	10 KW MW 50 KW SW 3 KW FM (VB)		101.	Ratnagiri	20 KW MW	
78.	Chhaptarpur	20 KW MW		102.	Sangli	20 KW MW	
79.	Gwalior	20 KW MW		103.	Sholapur	1 KW MW (LRS)	
80.	Indore	100 KW MW 3 KW FM (VB)		104.	Dhule	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
81.	Jabalpur	2X100 KW MW		105.	Beed.	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
106.	Ahmednagar	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	127.	Bariapada	1 KW MW	(LRS)
107.	Nanded	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	128.	Berhampur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
108.	Akola	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	129.	Bhawanipatna	200 KW MW	
109.	Kolhapur	2x3 KW FM		130.	Bolangir	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
110.	Yeotmal	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	131.	Rourkela	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
111.	Satara	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	132.	Puri	3 KW FM	(LRS)
112.	Chandrapur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	133.	Joranda	1 KW MW	(LRS)
113.	Nasik	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	PUNJAB			3
114.	Osmanabad	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)	134.	Jalandhar	300 KW MW 100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 2x5 KW FM	
MANIPUR			1	135.	Bhatinda	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
115.	Imphal	50 KW MW 50 KW SW		136.	Patiala	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
MEGHALAYA			3	RAJASTHAN			17
116.	Shillong	100 KW MW 50 KW SW		137.	Jaipur	1 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 50 KW SW	
117.	Tura	20 KW SW		138.	Kota	1 KW MW	(LRS)
118.	Jowaj	2X3 KW FM	(LRS)	139.	Ajmer	200 KW MW	(Relay Centre)
MIZORAM			2	140.	Bikaner	20 KW MW	
119.	Aizawal	20 KW MW 10 KW SW		141.	Udaipur	20 KW MW	
120.	Lungleh	2X3 KW FM		142.	Jodhpur	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)	
NAGALAND			2	143.	Suratgarh	300 KW MW	
121.	Kohima	50 KW MW 50 KW SW		144.	Alwar	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
122.	Mokokchung	2X3 KW FM	Trs (LRS)	145.	Nagaur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
ORISSA			11	146.	Banswara	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
123.	Cuttack	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB) 2x3 KW FM (Stereo)		147.	Chittorgarh	3 KW FM	(LRS)
124.	Jevpore	100 KW MW		148.	Barmer	2x10 KW MW	
125.	Sambalpur	20 KW MW		149.	Swai Madhopur	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)
126.	Keonjhar	1 KW MW	(LRS)	150.	Churu	2x3 KW FM	
				151.	Jhalawar	2x3 KW FM	(LRS)

1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
152.	Jaisalmer	2x5 KW FM		171.	Kanpur	1 KW MW (VB)	
153.	Mount Abu	2X3 KW FM		172.	Mathura	1 KW MW	
	SIKKIM		1	173.	Gorakhpur	100 KW MW	
154.	Gangtok	20 KW MW 10 KW SW		174.	Najibabad	100 KW MW	
	TAMILNADU		8	175.	Agra	20 KW MW	
155.	Coimbatore	20 KW MW		176.	Faizabad	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
156.	Madrai	200 KW MW 50 KW SW 10 KW MW 2X10 KW MW 2X5 KW FM		177.	Bareilly	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
157.	Madurai	20 KW MW		178.	Jhansi	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
158.	Tiruchirapalli	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		179.	Obra	2X3 KW FM	
159.	Tirunelveli	10 KW MW		180.	Mussoorie	2X5 KW FM (Relay)	
160.	Nagarcoil	1 KW MW (LRS) 2X5 KW FM Trs.		181.	Pauri	1 KW MW	
161.	Oottacamund	1 KW MW		182.	Pithoragarh	1 KW MW (Relay)	
162.	Tuticorin	200 KW MW			WEST BENGAL		5
	TRIPURA		3	183.	Calcutta	100 KW MW (2 Nos.) 20 KW MW (VB) 50 KW SW 10 KW MW (Yuva Vani) 2X5 KW FM (Stereo)	
163.	Agartala	20 KW MW		184.	Kurseong	20 KW SW	
164.	Belonia	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		185.	Siliguri	200 KW MW	
165.	Kailashahar	2X3 KW FM (LRS)		186.	Murshidabad	2X3 KW FM (LRS)	
	UTTAR PARDESH		17	187.	Asansole	2X5 KW FM (Relay)	
166.	Lucknow	300 KW MW 50 KW SW 10 KW MW (VB)			UNION TERRITORIES		
167.	Almora	1 KW MW		188.	Port Blair (A&N)	20 KW MW 10 KW SW	1
168.	Allahabad	1 KW MW 2X5 KW FM (VB)		189.	Chandigarh	1 KW MW 3 KW FM	1
169.	Varanasi	100 KW MW 1 KW MW (VB)		190.	Delhi	2X100 KW MW 100 KW MW 10 KW MW (2 Nos.) 2X5 KW FM	1
170.	Rampur	20 KW MW		191.	Pondicherry	1 KW MW	2
				192.	Karaikal (Pondicherry)	2X3 KW FM Tr. (LRS)	
				193.	Kavaratti	1 KW MW	1
				194.	Daman	3 KW FM (LRS.)	1

Note: The Statement does not include the megawatt MW Trs. at Rajkot and Mogra(Calcutta) and also the shortwave transmitters at Aligarh, Bombay, Madras, Gorakhpur, Bangalore and Delhi which are being used for External Services and Internal News link-up etc.

Public Grievances

413. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Zonal Railways have taken some measures for ventilation of grievances of travelling public;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether any time limit for ventilation of such grievances has been fixed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for publicising such measures?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various measures have been taken as under:

- (i) Streamlining the working of public grievances redressal machinery.
- (ii) Publication of telephone numbers in Zonal Railways Time Table on which complainants can contact Additional General Managers in Headquarters Office and Additional Divisional Railway Managers in Divisional Offices.
- (iii) Setting up of monitoring cell in the Zonal Headquarters' Office and Divisional Offices where complainants can give their complaints through telephone or FAX, besides in writing in person.
- (iv) Complaints registered in Public Complaint Books provided at stations, in trains and at all other important installations dealings with public are closely monitored.
- (v) Additional General Manager is the Director Public Grievances on the Zonal Railways and Additional Divisional Railway Managers are the Director Public Grievances on the Divisions. Railway users can meet Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Divisional Railway Manager at Divisional level and Additional General Manager at Zonal level on nominated days. In case, they are not satisfied with any of these officers, they can meet the General Managers on the nominated day of the month.

- (vi) Monitoring Cell for catering/vending activities are also functioning under Deputy Chief Commercial Manager, Catering at Zonal level and Assistant Commercial Manager, Catering at Divisional level.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The time limit for ventilation of such grievances has been fixed. The details thereof are as under :

- (i) Representation/grievance received from MPs, MLAs & VIPs 30 days
- (ii) Grievance of general public 90 days
- (iii) Grievance from general public where a detailed enquiry become necessary after initial scrutiny 120 days
- (iv) Finalisation of complaints referred by Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare 90 days
- (v) Representation received from Members of Standing Committee of Parliament of Railways
 - (a) Where the information is available in Board's Office 10 days
 - (b) Where information has to be collected from the Railways 30 days
 - (e) Does not arise.

Free Railway Passes

414. SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of passes issued for free travel by Ministry of Railways during 1996-97 and 1997 till date;
- (b) the reason for issue of such a large number of free passes;
- (c) the difference between the new and old facilities regarding free pass granted to the retired Railway Board Members;
- (d) the reasons for the new decision;
- (e) whether this order was issued on April 30, 1997 the last day of the service of the outgoing Railway Board Chairman, Shri C. L. Kaw;