

*[English]***Flights on Delhi-Port Blair Sector**

1240. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether earlier there were flights from Delhi to Port Blair;

(b) if so, the time from which these flights were withdrawn alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore these flights to encourage tourism; and

(d) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines introduced a thrice weekly B-737 service between Delhi/Port Blair via Bhubaneshwar on 20th April, 1989. This was withdrawn from 20th November, 1989 because of poor load factor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

*[Translation]***Installation of TV and Communication Towers in Joint Form**

1241. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had decided to install TV and communication towers in collective/joint form;

(b) if so, whether the present Government are following the same policy; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) to (c) Utilisation of Department of Telecom's (DOT) tower for TV transmitter antenna is done wherever possible subject to suitability for both Doordarshan and DOT.

*[English]***Setting up of New Pepsi Bottling Plant**

1242. SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE:  
SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL:  
SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the location of Pepsi Bottling Plants functioning in the country and specially in Maharashtra at present;

(b) whether the Government have granted approval for the setting up of new Pepsi Bottling Plant in Mumbai and also at some other places in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) The details of bottling plants owned and franchised by M/s. PepsiCo India Holding Limited are given in the Statement attached.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.