

(a) whether there is a proposal to open an Airport at Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kanyakumari is located at a distance of 60 km. from Thiruvananthapuram airport and is adequately served by road/rail links. Moreover, no airline has projected its plans to operate flights to Kanyakumari.

Air Traffic at Calicut Airport

1301. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the decline/increase in domestic air traffic recorded during 1996-97 and 1997-98 in the various sectors connected with Calicut Airport;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to introduce additional flights on the heavy sectors and to reduce flights on the sectors recording reduced traffic;

(c) if so, the details of flights to and fro Calicut Airport both under private sector and public sector;

(d) whether additional flights had been introduced on Calicut-Mumbai, Calicut-Gulf countries or any other sector connecting Calicut airport in connection with the Haj Pilgrimage this year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total number of Haj Pilgrims carried from this Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The Domestic air passenger traffic during 1996-97 and 1997-98 was 2,30,853 and 2,17,509 respectively, which shows a decline.

(b) and (c) The details of flights to and fro Calicut are given in the Statement enclosed.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines/Alliance Air and Air India operated additional flights. While Indian Airlines carried 1730 Haj pilgrims from Calicut to Mumbai, Air India Carried 1489 Haj pilgrims of Calicut, from Mumbai onwards.

Statement

Details of Flights to/Fro Calicut

Sector	Frequency (per week)
A. Indian Airlines	
Domestic	
Calicut/Coimbatore/Chennai	3

Sector	Frequency (per week)
Calicut/Chennai	1
Calicut/Coimbatore/Mumbai	daily
International	
Mumbai/Calicut/Sarjah	daily
Calicut/Doha/Bahrain	daily
Calicut/Ras Al-Khaimah/Sharjah	1
Calicut/Sharjah	2
Calicut/Fujairah/Kuwait	1
Calicut/Goa/Kuwait	2
Calicut/Dubai	4
Calicut/Abu Dhabi	4
Calicut/Muscat	4
B. Jet Airways	
Domestic Only:	
Calicut/Mumbai	13

(With Air India as joint flights)

Constitution of N.S.C.

1302. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA:

SHRI SANDIPEM THORAT:

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since received the recommendations of the Task Force on the constitution, role and functions of the National Security Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision on those recommendations is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up on New Zones and Divisions

1303. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN:

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN:

SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI:

SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

SHRI PUNNULAL MOHALE:

SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: