

2. CHANDARGOIA — Provision of new Station building with the high level platform and cover over platform.

3. Replacement of old lavatories with new ones at Dahelim, Sankaval, Chandargoa, Cansaulim and Kulem Stations.

4. Provision of Steel Tabular benches at Kulem, Cansaulim, Chandargoa, Sankaval and Dabolim.

5. WATER TAPS - Replacement of Old drinking water pipeline including provision of water pedestal at Cansaulim

6. KALEM — Widening of platform to 5.5. mtrs.

7. MADGAON — Provision of two additional lines.

Development of Southern Naval Command

1433. SHRI GEORGE EDEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for development of the Southern Naval Command in Cochin; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Southern Naval Command which is the Navy's Training Command is already in existence at Kochi. This Command comprises of various Training Establishments and ships for the surface Navy. As and when required, development/improvement is brought about to suit the needs of the Indian Navy.

Direct Flights from Calicut and Mangalore to Delhi

1434. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering for the direct flights from Calicut and Mangalore to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) There are no plans to operate direct services from Calicut and

Mangalore to Delhi, at present. Passengers desirous of travelling from Calicut and Mangalore to Delhi, can avail convenient connections via Mumbai on daily basis. However, the airline operators are free to introduce air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability, subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines.

Addition to Indian Airlines Fleet

1435. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has decided to buy six 50-seater aircraft from French Aviation Company ATR-HAL to strengthen its feeder route in the country;

(b) if so, the cost per aircraft; and

(c) the sectors on which these aircraft are likely to be detailed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A proposal for purchase of six-ATR-42 aircraft, offered jointly by M/s. ATR and HAL has been sent by Indian Airlines and is under consideration of the Government. The average price of ATR is US\$ 15.24 million (Rs. 62.53 crores) per aircraft.

(c) The routes for operation of fifty seater aircraft will be decided at the time of induction depending upon the need and viability.

Upgradation of Naval Training Institute, Chikka

1436. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to upgrade the Naval Training Institute at Chikka in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in that direction so far?

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

(b) Does not arise.