

Provision of accommodation to Passengers Delayed Flights

1402. SHRI GEORGE EDEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines provided accommodation to the passengers held up due to flight delayed due to fog during the months of December, 1998 and January, 1999;

(b) if so, whether that accommodation was booked in the ITDC hotels/private hotels; and

(c) if so, the total cost paid for the accommodation given in ITDC hotels and private hotels separately?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Accommodation was booked in ITDC Hotels, Private Hotels and Centaur Hotels.

(c) The details of cost paid for accommodation during December, 1998 to January, 1999 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	ITDC Hotels including Centaur Hotels	Private Hotels	Total
Air India	125.43	183.68	309.11
Indian Airlines	253.84	187.00	440.84

[Translation]

Construction of Road Over Bridges in Chennai

1403. SHRI T.R. BAALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have proposed to construct Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges in Chennai;

(b) if so, whether there is a time bound programme for the completion of the above works; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) (i) Road Over Bridge at Km. 0/19-20 on Chennai beach-Royapuram section as a deposit work. Railway's portion completed and approaches are in progress by the State Govt.

(ii) Road Over Bridge at Km 3/9-10 near Chennai Beach-Royapuram section on cost sharing basis. Railway portion's progress is 60%. Progress on approaches by State Govt. is 40%.

(iii) Road Under bridge at Thilaignanga Nagar as deposit work. Progress of work on Railway's portion is 100%, approaches are being progressed by State Govt.

(iv) Subways for pedestrians on either side of Road Under Bridge No. 33 at Perambur as deposit work. Plan and estimate approved. Tender under finalisation.

(v) Road Under Bridge near MIT Gate at Chennai Beach-Villupuram. Sanctioned in the Works Programme of 1998-99. Planning is in progress.

(vi) Road Over Bridge at Saidapet is sanctioned in the Works Programme of 1998-99. Planning is in progress.

(vii) Subway connecting Rajaji Salai to Chennai Port Trust at Anchor gate as a deposit work. General Arrangement Drawing has been revised to provide for three tracks.

(viii) Road Over Bridge at Guindy as a cost sharing work. The work has progressed 70% on Railway's portion and 50% on State Govt.'s.

[English]

Multi-Channels of Doordarshan

1404. SHRI AJIT JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to make available multi-channels of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, by when these channels are likely to be introduced?