

**Setting up of Railway Hospital at Cuttack**

1408. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to set-up a Railway hospital at Cuttack;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have also a proposal for the expansion of Divisional hospital at Khurda Road; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

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): No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**International Airports in Gujarat**

1409. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the international airports in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government contemplate to construct another international airport in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) (a) to (d). Ahmedabad Airport, at present, is capable of handling limited international operations. This airport is being upgraded to international standards for operation of Boeing 747 type of aircraft. As such extensions/strengthening of runway, apron, taxi track and other associated works are at hand at an estimated cost of Rs. 48.50 crores. There is therefore no proposal to construct another international airport.

**Implementation of Joglighopa-Guwahati Rail Project**

1410. SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joglighopa-Guwahati new line project is being implemented jointly by Railways, Ministry of Surface Transport and NEC;

(b) if so, the estimated share cost of the project, separately;

(c) the progress of work made on road-cum-rail bridge at Joglighopa (on river Brahmaputra) and track linking upto Goalpara; and

(d) the time by which the above new line is likely to be commissioned?

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) The project is funded by the Railways. However, the cost of the rail-cum-road bridge on the river Brahmaputra is being shared by the Railways and Ministry of Surface Transport. NEC has provided budgetary support of Rs. 95 crores to the Railways for the bridge.

(b) The share of Railways is Rs. 498.09 crs. and that of Ministry of Surface Transport is Rs. 138.91 crs. Against Railways share NEC have provided budgetary support of Rs. 95 crs.

(c) The rail-cum-road bridge and the line from Joglighopa to Goalpara has already been commissioned on 15.4.1998.

(d) By 31.12.1999.

[Translation]

**Pilots in Indian Airlines**

1411. SHRI RAJO SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots working in Indian Airlines on date and details of their salaries and allowances;

(b) whether the Indian Airlines is running in loss; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to cover up the losses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) There are