

- (b) the number of issues still pending; and
- (c) the reasons for their non-settlement?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) A total of 127 issues pertaining to Air India, Indian Airlines and Alliance Air were raised by the Air Corporations SC/ST Employees Association. Out of these, 113 issues have been settled. The remaining issues relate to Promotion, Housing Loans, Transfers, Harassment etc. Settlement of these issues is an on going process. The concerned organisations have been advised to settle the pending issues at the earliest.

#### Conversion of Aurihar and Jaunpur Rail Line

1838. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether rail-line between Aurihar and Jaunpur in Eastern Uttar Pradesh is meter gauge while other nearby rail-lines are broad gauge ones;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to convert said rail line; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) A survey has been ordered. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the results of the survey are available.

[Translation]

#### Self Employment

1839. DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal for providing self-employment to ten lakh youths belonging to the most deprived families;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in regard to Bihar;
- (c) the total outlay worked out for this programme alongwith the time limit fixed for its implementation; and
- (d) the name of the implementation agency of this programme alongwith the sources from which funds are to be mobilized for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) There is no such specific proposal. However, rural families below the poverty line are assisted under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) with a view to providing them with self-employment through income generating activities. The rural poor are provided with productive assets in the shape of term credit and Government subsidy to have sustainable income generation.

(b) In respect to Bihar, total allocation, utilisation and physical coverage for the year 1997-98 & 1998-99 is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) The total outlay for IRDP for the country as a whole during 1997-98 & 1998-99 is Rs. 113351.23 lakhs & Rs. 145616.95 lakhs respectively. IRDP is a continuing programme and there is no prescribed time limit.

(d) The programme is being implemented by the State Governments through the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). The funds for the programme are provided by Centre as well as States on 50:50 basis.

#### Statement

*Statement showing Total Allocation, Utilisation and Physical Coverage for the Years 1997-98 & 1998-99 in Respect of Bihar*

(Rs. in Lakhs)					
Year	Allocation		Total	Utilisation	No. of families assisted
	Centre	State			
1997-98	8377.40	8377.40	16754.81	12422.08	196849
1998-99	13345.81	13345.81	26691.63	5087.28*	67046*

\* upto October, 1998.

#### Development Schemes

1840. SHRI RAMPAL UPADHYAY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the schemes for the development of various cities of Rajasthan received by the Union Government during the current year and the total amount allocated therefor;
- (b) whether world Bank has agreed to provide any financial assistance in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) During the current year (as on 31.10.98), HUDCO has sanctioned three urban infrastructure schemes in Rajasthan for a project costing Rs. 57.79 crore with a loan amount of Rs. 31.64 crore. Out of this an amount of Rs. 19.04 crore has been released so far by HUDCO.

Under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) which is meant for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census, 25 schemes at an estimated project cost of Rs. 2513.17 lakh have been sanctioned. Out of these 25 schemes sanctioned till 1.12.98, five schemes have been sanctioned at an estimated project cost of Rs. 720.53 lakh during 1998-99. The budget allocation during 1998-99 for the State of Rajasthan under AUWSP is Rs. 265.96 lakh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of reply at (b) above, question does not arise.

[English]

#### Purchase by CPWD

1841. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given to the Unstarred Question No. 259 dated November 20, 1997 regarding purchase by CPWD and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the exceptional circumstances under which CPWD has to purchase electrical items directly from the manufactures on rates other than rate contract agreed upon the DGS&D after November 20, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requisite information has been collected and already furnished to Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in fulfilment of assurance given in reply to part (c) and (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 259 on 20.11.1997.

(c) No such purchase has been made after November 20, 1997.

#### Flights on Calicut Gulf Sector

1842. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian Airlines flights are on the Calicut-Gulf sector;

(b) the details of income generated at Calicut Airport from these flights during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any new station in the Gulf are proposed to be connected to Calicut Airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Indian Airlines operates 18 flights a week from Calicut to Doha, Bahrain, Fujairah, Ras-al-Khaimah and Sharjah in the Gulf Region.

(b) Details of revenue and surplus/(deficit) earned on flights between Calicut and Gulf for the last three years i.e., from 1995-96 to 1997-98 are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) At present, Indian Airlines has no proposal to connect any new station in the Gulf with Calicut.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Statement

*Details of Revenue and Surplus/Deficit Earned on Flights between Calicut and Gulf for Three Years from 1995-96 to 1997-98*

(Rs. in Crore)				
S. No.	Route	SVC No.	Traffic Revenue	Surplus/ (Deficit) Over Total Cost
1	2	3	4	5
<b>1995-96</b>				
1.	Bombay-Calicut-Ra'khaima-Sharjah	993/994	12.62	0.33
2.	Bombay-Calicut-Sharjah	989/990	56.82	11.52
3.	Bombay-Calicut-Fujairah-Sharjah	991/992	10.75	(1.68)
4.	Calicut-Goa-Kuwait	995-996	17.92	(1.19)
5.	Calicut-Doha-Bahrain	997/998	1.11	(0.50)
<b>1996-97</b>				
1.	Bombay-Calicut-Fujairah-Sharjah	991/992	16.76	0.16
2.	Calicut-Goa-Kuwait	995-996	34.18	0.66