

that China is developing a new generation of more mobile, longer range missiles in different categories including DF-41 ICBM of 12000 km range. These missiles are scheduled to be deployed by the year 2010.

2. All developments having bearing on the country's security are regularly monitored and reviewed. Appropriate measures are also taken to maintain our defence preparedness to face all eventualities.

[Translation]

New Airports in M.P., U.P. & Bihar

2030. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the major cities of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have been linked with the air service;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh having different political associations and public representatives have requested to construct few more airports in respective States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government are taking any constructive steps in this regard; and

(f) if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Khajuraho and Raipur in Madhya Pradesh, Agra, Lucknow and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and Patna and Ranchi in Bihar have been linked with air services.

(c) to (f) Requests have been received from various quarters including State Governments for construction of new airports/airstrip at Mubarakpur (Dist. Azamgarh), Khalyanu Khet (Distt. Pauri Garhwal), Moradabad, Chitrakoot (Distt. Banda) and for establishment of new international airport between Lucknow and Kanpur. At present, Airports Authority of India has no plans to construct any new airport/international airport at these places. However, Lucknow Airport has already been developed as a Model Airport and can sustain limited international operations.

[English]

Development of Rural Areas

2031. SHRI RAMPAL UPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether monitoring of the schemes meant for the development of rural areas is not done properly due to which people are not benefited by such schemes; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for New Airports

2032. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL :
SHRI MADHAV RAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal regarding construction of domestic airport and an international airport in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have constituted any committee in this regard;

(d) if so, the terms of reference of the committee alongwith its composition; and

(e) the time by which the report of the committee is likely to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra had sent a proposal for developing a domestic airport near Panvel in Navi Mumbai. It had also earlier forwarded a proposal for construction of a new second International airport in the Mandwa-Rewas area near Mumbai.

(c). Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman. AAI with representatives from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Air India, Indian Airlines, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Maharashtra, and two non-officials to examine the need for a second International airport at Mumbai, location of a suitable site and division of traffic between the existing and the new