

ger service there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Examined but not found feasible due to operational difficulties and shortage of EMU stock.

Restoration of Naupara-Bunupur Railway Line

39. **SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the damage and loss incurred to Naupara-Gunupur narrow gauge line due to recent cyclone;

(b) the present position of repairs of that line; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railway to restore the train services on that line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There was breach on the bank between Kashinagar and Luhuri PH in the Naupara-Gunupur section on 11.5.90 causing a loss of about Rs. 15,000/-.

(b) and (c). The bank has already been repaired and the line was restored on 14.5.90.

Recruitment In Indian Airlines

40. **SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put a ban on fresh recruitment in the Indian Airlines due to grounding of A-320 fleet;

(b) if so, the number of employees who were managing A-320 fleet rendered job-

less; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Indian Airlines to accommodate them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Since Indian Airlines was suffering heavy losses due to suspension of A-320 aircraft operations, it was decided in May, 1990 that no post should be created and there should be no fresh recruitment. However, this condition is relaxable if it was necessary to full up a post in the interests of safety of operations, facilitation of passengers or other such compelling reasons.

(b) None, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

AIR flight from Coimbatore to Madras

41. **SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air flights from Coimbatore to Madras via Bangalore were reduced from seven days to three days;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to restore the air flights on the above route?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Due to shortage of aircraft capacity on account of suspension of A-320 operations, Indian Airlines reduced the frequency of daily Madras-Bangalore-Coimbatore service to four days week basis.

(c) Restoration of the withdrawn fre-