

tionalisation of Ashok Paper Mills as per agreement between Governments of Bihar and Assam; and

(e) the difficulties in setting up pulp factory in Rameshwar Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India have decided to provide a sum of Rs. 67.08 crores as outright grant to the Government of Assam for the revival of the Ashok Paper Mills

(d) Governments of Assam and Bihar had sent draft Ordinances for nationalising the two units of Ashok Paper Mills Limited located in their respective States for receiving President's instructions thereon, before promulgating the Ordinances. While the Government of Assam have since promulgated the Ordinance, certain observations/suggestions on behalf of the Government of India have been conveyed to Government of Bihar for their comments, which are awaited. Further steps to reopen the two units located in their respective States are to be taken by Governments of Assam and Bihar.

(e) Government have not received any fresh proposal for setting up pulp factory in Rameshwar Nagar after the original one was rejected in 1982.

Connecting of Metropolitan cities with Vayudoot Service

8678. **SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the names of Metropolitan cities proposed to be connected with Vayudoot service in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): Vayudoot services are available at all the four Metropolitan cities in the country. Due to the shortage of aircraft capacity and other resources, Vayudoot Limited is presently consolidating its operations rather than expanding the services.

Production of Coal From Singrauli Coal Mines

8679. **SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of coal from Singrauli coal mines;

(b) for how long coal-mining would be possible there;

(c) whether power plants in Madhya Pradesh will continue to get sufficient quantity of coal from these mines; and

(d) if so, for how long and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). During 1989-90 coal production from the Singrauli Coalfield was 23.28 million tonnes and the target for 1990-91 is 26.50 million tonnes. Coal production from this Coalfield will increase to over 50 million tonnes per annum by turn of the century. Taking into account the gross coal reserve of over 9000- million tonnes indicated by Geological Survey of India, no difficulty is envisaged in continuing coal production for over 40 years for meeting the requirement of the pit head and other thermal power stations located in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and other States linked to this Coalfield.