

(a) the progress made with regard to the extension of runway at Cuddapah airport;

(b) the reasons for discontinuing the Vayudoot service to this airport;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restore the air service in the near future; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) The National Airport Authority has no plan to extend the existing runway at Cuddapah airport

(b) Vayudoot service to Cuddapah has been suspended, due to the shortage of aircraft.

(c) and (d). The shortage of aircraft capacity with Vayudoot, at present, does not permit resumption of service to Cuddapah.

Implementation of Revised Prices of Drugs

8740. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether some drug companies have not implemented the revised prices as fixed by Government,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) to (c). Nine (9) drug companies have already implemented the prices fixed in respect of formulations based on 21 bulk drugs recently brought under

price control. Further, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has asked telegraphically all the concerned State Drug Controllers to ensure that the prices fixed have been implemented by the concerned companies and send the necessary compliance Report.

Train from Poona to Calcutta

8741. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great public demand for a direct train from Poona to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, when the said train is proposed to be introduced?

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

(b) Presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Vayudoot Service From Bhilwara and Chittorgarh

8743. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether modern landing ground facilities with adequate infrastructure and complete terminal building for waiting lounge etc. exist at Hamirgarh Airstrip in Bhilwara district (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, whether Government propose to link Bhilwara and Chittorgarh with Vayudoot Service; and

(c) if so, when?