

Jeypore (Koraput) has been discontinued;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to restore the Vayudoot services on this route?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Vayudoot services to Jeypore were discontinued with effect from 24th September, 1989 following the loss of an aircraft in an accident.

(c) While Vayudoot are anxious to restore the services, they have not been able to do so because of shortage of aircraft.

Linking of Hoshiarpur with other Towns

6182. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to connect directly Hoshiarpur by railway line with Ropar or Nangal Dam on one side and with Tanda-Urmar or Dasuya or Mukerian on the other; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalised and the work started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air flight between Bombay and Goa

6183. SHRI GOPALRAO MAYEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the air flights between Bombay and Goa; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Severe capacity constraints do not permit Indian Airlines and Vayudoot to increase air flights between Bombay and Goa, at present.

[*Translation*]

Proto Development Training Centres in Punjab

6184. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Proto Development Training Centres in Punjab for testing electric equipments;

(b) if so, the names of places where these are being set up and when these will start functioning; and

(c) the other details of the proposed scheme?

SHRI MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). The Government has approved setting up of a Design, Quality upgradation and Training Centre for electrical appliances, at Rajpura by National Small Industries Corporation. The Centre will start functioning as soon as land and building as provided by the Punjab Government.

(c) The centre will provide the following services:

(i) Technology up-gradation of the existing small scale in electrical appliances.

(ii) Common facility service in testing and assistance in