

Night Landing Facilities at Imphal Airport and Resumption Flights from Delhi to Imphal

1951. SHRI MEJINLUNG KAMSON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for providing night landing facilities at the Imphal airport (Manipur); and

(b) when the erstwhile direct flight from Delhi to Imphal and vice versa of the Indian Airlines are proposed to be restored in the interest of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Sanction has been accorded for providing High Intensity Runway Lights, Taxiway and approach lighting at Imphal airport.

(b) Indian Airlines is operating a thrice weekly B-737 service on Delhi/Bagdogra/Guwahati/Imphal route since 16.12.1990.

[*Translation*]

New Trains on Northern and N.E. Railways

1952. SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:
PROF. MAHADEO
SHIWANKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of new trains introduced in the Northern and the North-Eastern Railways during the last three months and proposed to be introduced in near future alongwith their routes as also the names of those trains whose routes have been changed or are proposed to be changed; and

(b) the time by which a direct trains from Delhi to Chappra via Varanasi-Ballia is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) During the last three months, two trains viz. 2401/2402 New Delhi-Patna Shramjeevi Express and 2403/2404 Kanpur-Varanasi Shramik Express have been introduced, and the run of one viz. 4017/4018 Unchahar Express has been extended from New Delhi to Ambala Cantt. No route has been changed during the last three months. Introduction of new trains and change of routes etc. is a continuous process, subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic justification.

(b) There is no proposal to start an additional train between Delhi and Chappra.

[*English*]

Resumption of Air Service to Visakhapatnam

1953. DR. VISHWANATHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the resumption of direct air services from Delhi to Visakhapatnam proposed to be taken up after the reintroduction of Airbus A-320;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, whether there is alternative proposal of touching Visakhapatnam by the present route Delhi-Raipur-Visakha-Bhubaneswar has been considered in view of the demand and necessity; and

(d) whether it is proposed to be air linked with the Capital directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI