

[English]

**Southern Air Command Unit**

\*801 SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the setting up of the Southern Air Command Unit in Trivandrum has since been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c). The Southern Air Command has been functioning at Trivandrum since 1984. Part of the required land has been acquired while proceedings for the remaining portion are in progress. Work Services, which are at an advanced stage of planning, are scheduled to commence by end of the current year and be completed by 1995. The financial outlay for this establishment has had to be phased out over a longer period on account of constraint on resources.

**Admissions in Private Engineering Colleges**

\*805. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Engineering Colleges under the private management in Tamil Nadu and other States, State-wise;

(b) whether Union Government are considering to issue guidelines to State Governments to ensure at least 50% of the seats in Engineering colleges under private management to be filled up on the basis of merit through a competitive examination as done in the case of Medical Colleges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) There are 179 Engineering Colleges under private management. A statement (State-wise) indicating the number of private engineering colleges in various States/UTs is given below.

(b) and (c). Government are of the view that admissions to technical institutions should be made on the basis of certain objective criteria, the basis of which inter-alia, should be merit and the reservation guidelines.

**STATEMENT***Engineering College set up Under Private Management*

<i>Sl. No</i>	<i>State/UT</i>	<i>No. of Private Engineering Colleges</i>
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Haryana	3
4.	Karnataka	45