

- (vi) Strengthening the level of Supervision.
- (vii) Revision of Menu.
- (viii) Provision of modern kitchen appliances and other equipments.
- (ix) Service of tea in thermos flasks with tea bags, milk and sugar separately in selected trains.
- (x) Random sampling of food items and their chemical analysis to ensure quality and to check adulteration.

Besides, surprise checks are conducted by the special squad of Railway Board and the Vigilance Department of Railways and stringent action taken against delinquent staff contractors on proven cases of irregularities.

[English]

Performance of Air India

*134. SHRI VASANT SATHE:
SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBHATT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Air India recently;

(b) if so, the details of the performance during the current year, vis-a-vis the last two years;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to improve the image and profitability of the Air India in view of the Gulf crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) According to

provisional estimates the net profit of Air India during the current year (April-December '90) is Rs. 47.48 crores, as compared to Rs. 38.40 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. 14.06 crores in 1988-89 for the corresponding period. The Gulf crisis has adversely affected all international carriers including Air India. Air India has taken steps to rationalize its route structure and effect economy in expenditure.

[Translation]

Conversion of Ghazipur-Jaunpur Railway Line

*135 SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 54 on August 7, 1990 and state the details of progress made regarding conversion of Ghazipur-Jaunpur metre-gauge (via Aurihar) section into broad-gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): Out of Ghazipur-Jaunpur MG line, conversion of only Aurihar-Ghazipur-Chhapra (171 km) has so far been sanctioned. Work is in progress on priority and adequate funds have been made available.

[English]

Completion of Tehri Dam Project

*136. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated cost of the Tehri Dam project and the time by which the project is expected to be completed;

(b) the power expected to be produced thereby; and

(c) whether the power would be available in phases for distribution while the project work is in progress?