

The exact number of peripheral centres and the details of the scheme are under finalisation. The total cost approved in May, 1984 for the scheme was Rs. 16.65 cores.

A beginning with ten specially equipped ambulances with wireless sets connected to a Central Control and coordination mechanism is proposed to be made from 13th April this year.

[*Translation*]

**Entrance Test for I.I.Ts and other
Competitive Examinations In Hindi**

*609. CH AKHTAR HASAN:
SHRI RAM DHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to conduct in Hindi Joint Entrance Examination for admissions to Indian Institutes of Technology and also other such higher competitive examinations which are not being held in Hindi;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c). A Working Group is examining the question of conducting entrance examinations for admission to degree course in Engineering and Technology in Hindi and other Indian languages. The Group has resolved that the Joint Entrance Examination for admission to Indian Institutes of Technology may be conducted as early as feasible in Hindi and in as many regional languages as possible.

[*English*]

**Discontinuance of A.I. Service to
Malaysia**

*610. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to stop its operations between India and Malaysia;

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

(c) whether a delegation of Indian Travel Trade from Malaysia has strongly protested against the decision;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider the matter;

(e) whether Government have taken a decision to discontinue Air India services to some other countries also; and

(f) if so, the names of those countries and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) to (d) Air India had proposed to withdraw its services to Malaysia effective Summer Schedule, 1988 due to economic reasons. On strong protests from several ethnic Indian organisations in Malaysia, it has been decided that Air India would continue operating service to Kuala Lumpur

(e) and (f). Effective its Summer Schedule, 1988, Air India has suspended flights to Dhaka (Bangladesh) due to commercial reasons. However, Indian Airlines is starting direct operations from Delhi to Dhaka from mid-April, 1988.