

(d) if not, the remedial steps being taken in this regard including introduction of an additional flight on Thursday and Mondays ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d). In the recent past Indian Airlines has not received any request to introduce new services to and from Srinagar and Jammu. Indian Airlines is operating a daily Boeing 737 service on the Sector Srinagar-Jammu and additional Boeing 737 services are also operated on Saturdays and Sundays. The capacity provided on this sector is considered adequate.

On Mondays and Thursdays IC 424 departs from Srinagar at 1500 hrs. and arrives Jammu at 1530 hrs. This is not a convenient service to those wishing to catch the Jammu Mail, but these passengers can catch Jhelum express leaving Jammu at 1850 hrs. Convenient connections to persons desiring to travel by Jammu Mail are available on Saturdays and Sundays on flight IC 464. Rescheduling of flights IC 422 and 424 is not operationally feasible at present as the aircraft have to operate on other sectors as well.

Replacement of Railway Line in Lumding-Badarpur Section

*360. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway track in Lumding-Badarpur section of North-East Frontier Railway is required to be replaced;

(b) whether a number of accidents have taken place on this section; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to replace the overaged track and sleepers of this section ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Certain length of track is due for renewal.

(b) A few derailments have occurred on this section.

(c) Yes Sir.

Barak Dam Project

*361. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Brahmaputra Board has sent its recommendations in respect of construction of Barak Dam Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project envisages 161.0 m. high rockfill dam with reservoir capacity of 0.9 m. ha m and a Power House with 10 units of 150 MW each.

Strike in Sir Sunder Lal Hospital of Banaras Hindu University

*362. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times Sir Sunder Lal Hospital and Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University was paralysed due to strikes during the last three years;

(b) the number of days the normal functioning of the hospital was paralysed;

(c) whether Government have gone into the causes of the unhealthy functioning of the hospital; and

(d) if so, what steps are being contemplated to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). During the last three years, the functioning of Sir Sunderlal Hospital attached to the Institute of Medical Sciences was disrupted on six occasions, five due to strikes by Junior Doctors' Association, and once due to a strike by para-Medical Employees' Association. On