

(b) and (c) The limited information available through the National Cancer Registry Project of the Indian Council of Medical Research for the last three years does not show any specific trend in the increase of lung cancer cases in the form of epidemic or otherwise.

[*Translation*]

Mandla Fort-Bilaspur Railway Line

*462. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey was conducted for laying a new rail line from Mandla Fort railway station to Bilaspur ;

(b) if so, when this survey was conducted and the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Survey for Mandla-Bilaspur Narrow Gauge line was conducted in 1905-07. Another reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for a new B.G. rail line from Bilaspur to Jabalpur via Mandla has been approved.

[*English*]

New Airports in Tamil Nadu

*463. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to establish airports at new places in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government would consider to establish an airport in Kasya Kumari district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Subject to availability of funds, there are proposals to take up development of airports for Vayudoot operations at Salem, Tuticorin and Thanjavur during the Seventh Plan period.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal.

Extension of Facilities at Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Calcutta

*464. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme for extension of facilities at the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Calcutta has been drawn up or finalised ; and

(b) if so, when the same will be implemented and the financial provision made therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) A plan for the extension of the facilities at the East Centre of the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala costing over Rs. 3 crores has been drawn up for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The Institute and its Regional Centres are owned and governed by the Society for the National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports (SNIPES). The implementation of the plan will commence as soon as the land pertaining to the East Centre is transferred on long lease to the SNIPES as agreed to by the Government of West Bengal in principle.