

(d) if so the details thereof and the extent to which the new one is superior; and

(e) the estimated production of such locomotives during the next three years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Extension of Jagdalpur-Bhopal Vayudoot Service upto Raipur

*440. SHRI MANKU RAM SODI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend Jagdalpur-Bilaspur-Bhopal Vayudoot service to Raipur city with a view to earn profit and provide facility to the passengers; and

(b) if so, whether tickets can be made available from Jagdalpur for undertaking journey from Raipur to Delhi, Bombay, Nagpur Bhubaneswar and Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Tickets for onward sectors of Indian Airlines would be made available by Vayudoot's own offices by their handling agents, and by agents approved both by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot.

[English]

National Institute of Arid Zone Research

*441. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a National Institute of Arid Zone Research has been newly established for the forest research in the country; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Government have decided to set up an Institute of Arid zone forestry research at Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Details are given in the statement below.

Statement

The Areas of Research Tentatively Identified for the Institute of Arid Zone Forestry Research, Jodhpur are :

Basic Research

- Studies in silvicultural characters of *Anogeissus* *Tecoma*, *Azadirachta*, *Prosopis*, *Acacia*, *Zizyphus* and other species of arid zone.
- Seed characters, germination, and growth characters of multipurpose trees.
- Agricultural customs and effect of tree crops. on crops.
- Soil characteristics in arid areas.
- Fodder value of tree leaves.

—Exudation of gums and oleo-resins in commercially important species.

Technology

—Silvicultural practices for inducing and tending natural regeneration in forests.

—Conservation oriented management practices.

—Wastelands afforestation, with particular reference to Aravali hills, reforestation and desert control.

—Integration of social practices with forest management practices.

Application

—Standardisation of silvicultural and management practices of different forest types.

—Optimum practices of raising tree crops in refractory sites.

—Support to agriculture and pastures.

—Ensuring peoples participation in forestry.

List of Essential Drugs

*442. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK :
SHRI SURESH KURUP :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Government has no list of essential drugs" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated 18 January 1988;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) to (c) Lists of essential drugs have been prepared for various purposes, such as drugs for use in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, District hospitals etc. Recently the Ministry of Industry, Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals has issued the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 under which two lists have been given, Category-I pertains to drugs for certain National

Health Programmes and Category II relates to other essential drugs.

[Translation]

Auction of Lost Property by Delhi Transport Corporation

*443. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the depots where auction of the lost property was held by the Delhi Transport Corporation between January, 1987 to February, 1988, date-wise.

(b) the total income earned by the Corporation through this auction and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether some complaints have been received regarding the procedure of auction;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to amend the procedure so as to earn more income in future from public auctions; and