

who had got reserved and confirmed tickets were provided with the facility to fly on other aircrafts. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : The question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Repair and renovation of railway bridges

*165 SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the railway bridges are not safe as reported in the 'Times of India' of July 10, 1988;

(b) if so, the number of such bridges and the steps being taken to repair or renovate them;

(c) whether bridges which are more than 25 years old are still being used without renovation and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether effective studies have been made regarding the impact of the density and speed of traffic over the bridges in view of the fact that many of them were constructed when the traffic was much slower and less dense; and

(e) the statistics of regarding arrears work on these bridges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no railway bridge which is considered unsafe for the traffic carried.

(c) The majority of bridges on Indian Railways are over 25 years old and in sound condition. As a matter of policy, renovation

is taken up on strength considerations in case of bridge superstructures and on condition basis in the case of substructures. Bridges do not require renovation solely on the basis of age, as they do not have any definite life span.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As on 1.4.1988, there was 913 bridges identified as needing rehabilitation as against 2224 in the year 1982.

Development of Tarabale, Orissa

*168. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to prepare a master plan for integrated development of the Tarabale area in Puri district for development of tourism;

(b) whether the State Government or his Ministry have sought the help of Archaeological Survey of India to carry out excavation in the area surrounding the existing remains there; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Association of private sector for housing in Delhi

*169. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :