

been received from various sources in this behalf. Vayudoot is already operating a daily service between Kandla and Bombay with an Avro aircraft leased from Indian Airlines. Indian Airlines operates a daily service between Bombay and Bhuj via Jamnagar.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) There is no proposal at present to extend the existing Bombay/Kandla service upto Ahmedabad.

(f) Does not arise.

#### **Pollution of Yamuna**

3335. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the constant source of pollution of the river Yamuna in Delhi both from eastern and western Banks;

(b) whether Government have any proposal for undertaking long term and short term measures to deal with the problem; and

(c) whether in view of the historic & religious importance of river Yamuna, Government propose to link the scheme with the Central Ganga River Authority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) :

(a) Yes Sir, the Government is aware that Yamuna is polluted in some stretches due to discharge of industrial and domestic effluents from cities located on its bank.

(b) Phased programmes have been undertaken for trapping of wastewater from the major drains and its diversion to the sewage treatment plants.

(c) No Sir,

#### **Increase in Freedom Fighter's Pension**

3336. PROF. M.R. HALDER :  
SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI :  
SHRI N. DENNIS :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) total number of freedom fighters in India, who are getting pension facility;

(b) whether Government are thinking of raising the rate of pension for the freedom fighters;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide medical facilities to them as well ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) 1,32,859 freedom fighters and their dependents have been sanctioned pension upto 31.3.85.

(b) and (c) The Non-Official Advisory Committee set up at the Central level to consider the policy issues concerning the implementation of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme in its meeting held on 21.7.84 recommended enhancement of pension upto Rs. 500/- p.m. Their recommendation is under the active consideration of the Government.

(d) On request from the Ministry of Home Affairs, most of the State Governments/Union Territory Adms, have made arrangements to provide free medical facilities to freedom fighters and their families.

#### **Demand for Reduced Air Fare on Trivandrum-Gulf Sector**

3337. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a demand by Indians living abroad for