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Restoration of Bhubaneswar-Bombay flight

*78. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA
NAYAK:
DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:

Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restore air service between Bhubaneswar and Bombay and to connect Bhubaneswar with Calcutta Port Blair, Madras and Bangalore by air;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start international flights to and from Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). With effect from 1.11.1991 Bhubaneswar has been connected with Bombay and Madras. Bhubaneswar is already connected with Calcutta. Due to capacity constraint and inadequate traffic potential on Bhubaneswar-Port Blair and Bhubaneswar Bangalore routes, there is no plan at present to start service on these routes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Bhubaneswar is adequately connected with the main international gateway points in India.

Reduction of manpower in Railways

*79. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI SURYA NARAYAN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways are planning to reduce its manpower substantially in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for taking such a step; and

(c) the alternative employment/compensation proposed to be provided to the staff to be retrenched under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Impact of Earthquake on Human Body

80. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEYA:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

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

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Quake victims prone to Kidney failing" appearing in the Hindustan times dated October 24, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the precautionary steps proposed to be taken for the recent earthquake affected residents of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the report received from the State Government, the recent earthquake in U.P. has not posed the problem of Kidney failure amongst the affected persons.

Iodisation of Salt

662. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: