

Doubling of Hyderabad-Secunderabad rail line

2746. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

a) whether South Central Railway has taken up construction of Double B.G. Railway line between Hyderabad and Secnderabad Railway Stations.

(b) the estimated cost, details of the work proposed;

(c) the present stage at which the scheme stands; and

(d) the likely date by which the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Double line exists between Secunderabad and Hussainsagar. Doubling of line between Hussainsagar and Hyderabad is part of approved project of doubling between Hyderabad and Telapur (28 Kms.). Estimated cost of this project is Rs. 8.76 crores and work is presently in progress between Sanatnagar and Telapur. Completion of doubling will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Off-loading of passengers at Delhi Airport

2747. PROF. RAMAKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) In how many cases during th last

one year (till date) passengers having confirmed bookings were off-loaded by the Indian Airlines at Delhi Airport (with number of passengers on each occasion);

(b) the reasons for off-loading the passengers having confirmed booking causing great inconvenience and difficulties to them; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The decision to over-book the flights was taken by Indian Airlines in the month of September, 1985 and records have been maintained only from that month. Statements I, II, III indicating the off-loading of passengers on flights ex-Delhi during the months of September, October and November (upto 25.11.85), 1985 are given below.

(b) With a view to ensuring the maximum utilisation of capacity and on-time departure of flights by reducing the number of wait listed passengers, a small percentage of planned overbooking is done on all jet flights by Indian Airlines. This is the practice followed by airlines all over the world. Sometimes when the expected number of cancellations do not take place off-loading of passengers has to be resorted to.

(c) Indian Airlines have now reduced the level of over-booking on the jet flights to avoid off-loading of passengers and the number of seats over-booked is decided after watching the trend of traffic over a period of time.

Statement-I

Statement of off-loading of PAX on flights ex-Delhi during September, 1985.

S. No.	Flight Number	Date	Number of PAX	Reason	Remarks
1.	IC 421 SXR	1st Sept.	3	No record	Accommodated on IC 427 of date
2.	IC 405 BOM	6th Sept.	11	Overbooking	10 PAX Accommodated on IC 184 of 6th Sept. 1 PAX on IC 182 of 7th Sept.