

[English]

Purchase of Helicopters for O.N.G.C.

1532. SHRI D.N. REDDY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to purchase about 21 helicopters for the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC);

(b) if so, whether Government have received offers from other countries besides U.K.; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries and the cost per helicopter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Government are considering purchase of helicopters to meet the requirements of Petroleum Sector and other initial requirements.

(b) and (c). Apart from UK, offers were received from USA, France and Italy. Final decision with regard to actual purchase is yet to be taken.

Vayudoot service from Gulbarga to Bangalore

1533. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gulbarga is 400 KM away from Bangalore city ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of people have to go to Hyderabad by air and then go to Gulbarga by road ;

(c) whether Government propose to run Vayudoot Services from Gulbarga to Bangalore and vice versa ;

(d) whether any survey has already been done in this regard ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Gulbarga is about 581 Kms from Bangalore.

(b) Such information is not maintained in this Ministry.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. Since no aerodrome is available at Gulbarga, no survey has been carried out.

World Bank loan to Uttar Pradesh

1534. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "W.B. team looking into UP claim" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 20 October, 1985 regarding Indian population project in eastern district of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details of the evaluation of record of the work done in Uttar Pradesh under the first and second phase by the World Bank ;

(c) whether the World Bank has accepted the claim of the Uttar Pradesh Government covering seven eastern districts of Jaunpur, Gorakhpur, Balia etc. ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A World Bank team visited Uttar Pradesh from 13th to 26th October, 1985 for review of India Population Project-II (1980-86) which is being implemented in six eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh. The team has given suggestions about timely completion of project activities.

(c) and (d). At present there are no proposals under consideration for this purpose.

[*Translation*]

Landing of Aeroplanes at Palam Airport

1535. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that aeroplanes landing at Palam Airport pass over Gurgaon Road at a height of only 25-30 feet ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Gurgaon road has the heaviest traffic load ;

(c) whether security arrangements for landing at Palam are not adequate and Government propose to strengthen them ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Palam Gurgaon Road is one of the roads with heavy traffic.

(c) Security arrangements for landing at Palam Airport are adequate.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Research and Development by Medical Scientists for Combating Malaria and Other Diseases

1536. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria has been raging in this country for very long ;

(b) when the Malaria parasites were first identified and isolated in the country ;

(c) what has been the contribution of India's R&D medical scientists in combating Malaria and its resistant species including Development of a vaccine ; and

(d) whether other vaccines "under development" such as leprosy, cancer, virus encephalitis etc. are being released shortly after field trials by our medical researchers ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOH-SINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Malaria parasites were first identified in 1897 by Ronald Ross while working in Secunderabad in India.

(c) and (d). The scientists in India have done a fair amount of research work on field level problems relating to insecticide resistance as well as drug resistance. However, Indian scientists have not been able to develop vaccine against malaria so far.

The position in respect of other vaccines is as follows :

1. *Vaccine against Leprosy* : An active research is in progress to develop antileprosy vaccine by three groups of scientists in India.
2. *Vaccine against cancer* : No such work has been reported so far from India.
3. *Vaccine against virus encephalitis* : The Government of India has taken a decision to prepare the vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis at the Central Research Institute, Kasauli in collaboration with Japanese Government. The Institute is likely to produce about 3.5 to 4 lacs doses by the end of 1985.