

For augmentation of its fleet, Indian Airlines placed orders with M/s Airbus Industries in March, 1986 for acquisition of 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft and in July, 1989, for 12 Airbus A-320 Aircrafts. Of these 31 Airbus A 320 Aircraft, 11 have already been delivered and the remaining will be delivered as follows:—

—8 by March, 1990

—6 by 1990-91

—6 by 1991-91

Air India has to augment its fleet, acquired 2 B-747-300 Combi aircraft during 1988-89 and has signed a purchase agreement for acquiring two Airbus A 310-300 Aircraft for delivery in August, 1990. Air India is also planning to procure 4 B-747-400 Combi aircraft during October-November, 1992 and October-November, 1993.

(c) None of the aircraft in Air India and Indian Airlines fleets has been grounded awaiting replacement.

Introduction of more Trains between Madras Central and Arakkonam

39. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering running of more EMU and fast passenger trains between Madras Central and Arakkonam Junction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraints of resources.

Broad Gauge Rail Link between Jaipur and Khetri

40. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any time bound programme to bring Jaipur and Khetri (distt. Jhunjhnu) on broad-gauge line; and

(b) if so, the present stage of implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FARNANDES) : (a) and (b). The Planning Commission had desired that a Final Location Survey may be taken up for gauge conversion of Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur-Phulera-Jodhpur and Merta Road-Lalgah as a first phase for linking Jaisalmer and Barmer by broad gauge. The survey is in progress.

There is, however, no proposal at present to bring Khetri on broad gauge.

Night Landing Facilities at Raipur Aerodrome

41. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking some concrete measures for creating night landing facilities at Raipur Aerodrome; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The installation of Night Landing