

**Withdrawal of Service to Calcutta by
Yugoslav Airlines**

5081. SHRI BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the withdrawal of service to Calcutta Airport by the Yugoslav Airlines;

(b) the efforts made to keep the service on;

(c) the present state of negotiations with various foreign airlines for extending their services to Calcutta; and

(d) the efforts being made in collaboration with the Ministry to Tourism to popularise visits to the eastern region by foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yugoslav Airlines have withdrawn their services to Calcutta Airport due to shortage of aircraft, inadequate traffic and economic viability.

(b) and (c). During bilateral Air Services talks with foreign countries, Calcutta is invariably offered as a point for the foreign airlines on concessional terms. The actual operation of flights however, is within the discretion of the airline concerned.

(d) The Ministry of tourism have identified extension circuits for popularizing destinations in the eastern region including Calcutta. Special publicity literature has also been produced and restrictions on the entry of foreign tourists to the eastern region have been relaxed further.

[Translation]

**Engineering sub-station at Lucknow for
repairing IAC Aircraft**

5082. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an engineering sub-station for repairing IAC aircraft at Lucknow;

(b) if so, the expenditure involved therein; and

(c) the time by which this station will start functioning?

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

(b) and (c). The preliminary estimated cost of the sub-base at Lucknow is Rs. 5 crores. Assuming that pre-requisites like possession of land, soil investigation and availability of water/power are completed within three months, the sub-base is expected to be functional in about two years.

**Funds Allocated or Kumbh Mela at
Allahabad**

5083. SHRI SUBEDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to DRM offices at Lucknow and Allahabad for making arrangements on the occasion of Mahakumbh, 1988;

(b) the amount spent by the Railways for the purchase of goods and on arrangements made by the contractors; and

(c) the manner in which the goods purchased by DRM offices, Lucknow and