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Railway Line in Riwa (Madhya Pradesh)

6556. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed railway line in Riwa district of Madhya Pradesh is under construction;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(c) the beginning and destination place of the proposed line and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Satna-Rewa (50 km) new BG line in the Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh is targetted for completion on 31.3.1992.

(c) Satna is the starting station and Rewa the last destination station. Kaima, Hinauta, Rampur Road and Turki are the proposed stations on the new line.

[*English*]

Charter of Demands of Workers of National Airport Authority

6557. SHRISHRAVANKUMARPATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers of the National Airport Authority held a rally in July, 1991 to press their 27 points charter of demands;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No recognised Union of the National Airports Authority held a rally in July, 1991 to press their demands.

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

Vayudoot Flight from Hyderabad to Tirupati

6558. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot Service is operating between Hyderabad and Tirupati;

(b) if so, its timings and capacity of the aircraft;

(c) whether the capacity has been reduced and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether complaints have been received on the change of flight schedules and inconvenience caused to the passengers for reducing the passenger capacity on this sector; and

(e) whether the Vayudoot propose to revise the passenger capacity from Hyderabad to Tirupati and if so, when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Due to shortage of Avro aircraft (44 seater). Vayudoot is operating a Dornier aircraft (18 seater) with increased frequency between Hyderabad and Tirupati. The details of the flight are as under:

(i) PF-605/606 Daily 0930 D
Hyderabad A 1245 1100 A
Tirupati D 1115

PF-605A/606A, Tue Thu, Sat,

Sun 1300 D Hyderabad A 1615
1430 A Tirupati D 1445

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Buddhist Centre

6559. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of National Park Services visited Rajgir (Bihar) and other Buddhist Centres this year;

(b) whether the said delegation has submitted any report to the Government for the development of buddhist centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and especially for the development of the Rajgir and Nalanda?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. An eight member team from National Park Service, USA visited places of Buddhist interest in Bihar during November, 1990.

(b) and (c). The National Park Service, USA is preparing the final concept plans for development of the Bodhgaya Region including Nalanda and Rajgir. When the concept plans are ready, they would be submitted by the National Park Service to the Government of India.

Import of Equipments by Air India

6560. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND
TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders worth about Rs. 12 crores have been/are being placed by the Air

India with Messrs. Lintas Corporation Sallinas, California—a firm reportedly having been declared "Financial Condition Unbalanced";

(b) if so, the details of equipments sought to be imported and to what use it is proposed to be put to; and

(c) the reasons for spending such a huge foreign exchange in clearing this deal by the Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). A letter of intent amounting to Rs. 4.02 crores, has been issued to Lintas Corporation for the import of Cargo loaders and Cargo transporters, which are not manufactured in India. Letter of Intent for an amount of Rs. 1.62 crores has also been placed with their Indian Collaborators viz. Usha Telehoist Ltd.

The equipments are used for loading/off-loading of containers/pallets on the wide bodied aircraft. These are also used for handing of Air India flights and flights of other airlines at various airports in India.

Air India have safeguarded their interests as payments will be made only after the equipment are inspected and despatch exfactory is made, and the equipment are commissioned.

12.00 hrs

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura):
Sir, today more than two thousand Railway workers and employees are holding Dharna at Boat Club. They are demanding the reinstatement of the dismissed Railway employees. This issue was raised in this House, in this session, twice, by the hon. Members of this House. It was assured by the Railway Minister that the reinstatement of the dis-