

As on 31.12.1989, disciplinary proceedings were in progress in 4401 cases.

Loss to Vayudoot

1288. SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot has incurred huge losses during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review of the reasons for these losses has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Vayudoot has incurred an estimated loss of Rs. 8.00 crores during the year 1988-89.

(c) and (d). While short-haul operations are inherently uneconomical, Vayudoot have suffered losses for a variety of reasons such as long gestation period of newly opened stations, ageing of the fleet, fluctation in exchange rates, use of aircraft which hardly offered any margin between the break-even load and the capacity available, low fare structure, delays in or cancellations of flights due to weather conditions, high maintenance charges and ever increasing operating cost.

[English]

Performance of DICs

1289. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of District

Industries Centres in the country, particularly in Orissa is good and satisfactory;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a need to restructure the District Industries Centres; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal at present to restructure the DICs.

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Kerala

1290. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for cooking gas connections in Kerala pending at present, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have any plan to clear the backlog in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The requisite information is given in the statement below.

(b) and (c). New connections are released by the oil industry all over the country, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to availability of LPG. The availability is further augmented through imports.