

[Translation]

"Construction of Airstrip in Uttar Pradesh"

5023. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have accorded permission for the construction of an airstrip in Chamoli district of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the construction of the said airstrip;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No proposal for construction of Airstrip in Chamoli district has been received from Uttar Pradesh State Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Technical Training Board

5024. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Apprenticeship Training Board functioning in the country for imparting Apprenticeship Training to the engineering graduates Diploma holders and the locations thereof;

(b) the total number of candidates applied for technical training during 1991-

92 in Apprenticeship Training Board, (Northern region) Kanpur, and

(c) the number of candidates who have not got the opportunity of training along with the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELHJA): (a) There are four Boards of Apprenticeship/practical Training located at Kanpur, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, which are regulating and controlling apprenticeship training of graduates/Diploma holders.

(b) and (c) 9522 candidates applied for training during 1991-92 in the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Kanpur and all the candidates were sponsored during the year.

[English]

Express Train From Madras To Tiruvannamalai

5025. SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the District Headquarters are linked to the respective State Capital by Express trains; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to introduce an Express train between Madras City and Tiruvannamalai in Southern Railway to extend this facility to Tiruvannamalai?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Railways, do not plan express services to connect district headquarters with State Capitals as