

Kottapattu in Tamil Nadu can house only 2500 persons. efforts are being made to create additional facilities for shelter and for provision for food for the refugees.

(d) & (e). Yes, Sir, Our concern over the fresh influx of Sri Lankan refugees into India was conveyed to the Sri Lankan Govt. We have urged that conditions should be created in Sri Lanka so there would be no exodus of refugees from Sri Lanka to India and those who are in India would be able to return to their country in safety and dignity.

**Expansion Work of the Runway at  
Peelamedu Airport**

54. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Government of Tamil Nadu have already acquired 41.21 acres of land and handed over to the CPWD in July, 1984 for runway expansion work at Peelamedu Airport ;

(b) whether this work will be given top priority in the Seventh Plan so that modern aircrafts such as Boeing and Air buses could be operated from Peelamedu airport and night services connecting Coimbatore with important cities in the country and abroad introduced ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Yes, Sir. Land measuring 42.21 acres has been acquired for extension of the existing runway at Peelamedu (Coimbatore) aerodrome. (b) to (d). Having regard to the urgent need for development of Peelamedu airport to make it suitable for regular Boeing 737 operations, provi-

sion has been made in the Annual Plan, 1984-85 and has also been proposed for inclusion in the Seventh Plan for civil works pertaining to extension and strengthening of runway and associated pavements as well as extension/modification of the terminal building. The civil works will be taken up and completed in the Seventh Plan period. The aerodrome is presently equipped with Medium intensity Runway Lighting System, Taxi-way lights and Apron lights. To facilitate night operations with Boeing-737 aircraft, 2-Bar Visual Approach Slope Indicator System (VASIS) is also being provided. This work is expected to be completed by the end of June, 1985.

**American Plans for Development of  
Components of a System for Star  
war in Indian Ocean.**

55. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U.S.A. Plans to deploy on its basis in the Indian Ocean, components of a system for star war ;

(b) whether the construction of a new station for anti-satellite directing system is already underway in Diego Garcia ;

(c) whether reports have also been received that preparations are also underway for stationing F-15 fighter bombers, equipped with special rockets for hitting targets in the space ;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, if any reports have been received by Government of India in this regard ; and

(e) the names of the countries who have protested in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Government of India are aware of reports on the possibility