

(a) whether Government are considering to develop more airports in the country for landing facilities for international flights;

(b) if so, their names and what steps have been taken in this respect;

(c) by when these airports will be ready and opened for traffic; and

(d) whether Government would consider to declare these airports as international airports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Studies have been conducted for Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Nagpur, Mangalore, Trivandrum and Hyderabad. Out of these, international services from Trivandrum and Hyderabad are already being operated. Introduction of limited international services from some of these airports in the near future is under consideration.

(d) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to declare any airport in addition to the existing four international airports.

Creation of an All-India service cadre for irrigation engineers

**477. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :**

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the present system of appointing irrigation engineers;

(b) whether there are no special arrangements for training of engineers for irrigation purposes and only the civil engineers are being engaged for the purpose who have got a little knowledge of irrigation;

(c) whether the Conference of Irrigation Ministers of States also recommended for the creation of an All-India service of engineers, with a separate cadre of irrigation engineers;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to introduce a separate irrigation engineers course in engineering colleges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) Irrigation engineers are appointed by the State and Central Governments according to prevalent recruitment rules which provide for direct recruitment as well as by departmental promotions.

(b) Irrigation engineering is one of the subjects in civil engineering courses. Induction/in-service training is imparted to irrigation engineers of the State and Central Governments.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Closure of O.P.D. of AIIMS

478. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is so considering to close down the O. P. D. as reported in the various daily newspapers of Delhi edition;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether this year Annual Day of All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi has not been celebrated, if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Annual Day of the A. I. I. M. S. was not celebrated as the Resident doctors had decided not to join the Annual Day Celebrations.