

**Development of Runway at Vijayawada Airport**

2613. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to State :

(a) what are the steps proposed for development of runway to facilitate landing of Boeing planes and expansion of the passengers waiting lounge at Vijayawada Airport in the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 ; and

(b) what are the other steps proposed for development of Vijayawada Airport to meet the ever increasing passenger traffic to and from Vijayawada ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Subject to availability of resources, it is proposed to develop the runway, to construct a new terminal building, operational wall and to augment electric and water supply at Vijayawada airport during the current Plan period, to make it suitable for Boeing operations.

**Danger to National Monuments due to Pollution**

2614. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there are dangers to the national monuments due to the environment from the refineries and other such units in the country ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to protect these national monuments against the pollution in the air ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Amongst the important national monuments which are currently exposed to air pollution, are those in Agra for the protection of which the following steps have been taken ;—

- (1) The mathura Refinery is using fuel of low sulphur content and modified its stock heights.
- (2) The two coal based thermal power stations are closed down and the railways have dieselized their locomotives.
- (3) Pollution monitoring stations have been set up.
- (4) A green belt around Agra is under plantation.
- (5) The Archaeological Survey of India has constituted a High Power Committee for the preservation of Taj.

**Streamlining of Civil Aviation Structure**

2615. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to rationalise structure to effect savings in revenue and also prune wastage of manpower deployment ; and

(b) if so, its broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government had appointed two Groups in order to undertake a diagnostic study of merging the resources of Air India and Indian Airlines with a view to achieving maximum possible operational efficiency, consumer satisfaction, economies of scale, joint fleet planning and integrated route scheduling, and utilisation of available engineering and maintenance facilities and common inventory management.

The reports submitted by the Groups are under consideration of the Government.