

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has already decided not to grant extension in service beyond the age of superannuation. However, the increase in the age of superannuation is not likely to have any major implications, as surplus staff will continue to be gainfully redeployed in areas of expanding activities on the railways.

Probe into recent stir by IAF Personnel

391. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have noticed any foreign hand in the recent stir by Indian Air Force personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have since probed into this matter; and

(c) the main demands of the IAF personnel and the Government's response there to ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) The main demands of IAF personnel were for the rationalisation of allowances and pay scales and for review of V Central Pay Commission awards. A committee headed by Defence Secretary has since looked into these aspects, and made recommendations which are under consideration of the government.

[Translation]

Safety measures at Airports

392. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airports in the country are equipped with safety measures at par with the airports located abroad:

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the efforts so far made to improve the security measures;

(c) whether the financial allocation made for the same is sufficient and if not, the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether renovation work is still going on under any project at the airports and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The details of the ongoing projects for enhancing air safety and to provide better communication/navigation are as follows :-

— Modernisation of air traffic, services has been taken up at Delhi and Mumbai at a cost of Rs. 423.89 crores. The project at Delhi is to be commissioned by July, 1988 and the one at Mumbai in September, 1988.

— The radars at Chennai are in the final stages of installation and likely to be completed by July, 1988. Installation, of radars have been planned at Nagpur, Varanasi, Jharsuguda and Mangalore.

— Very High Frequency Omni Range and Distance Measuring Equipment are under installation at Jamnagar, Leh, Pune, Tezpur and Bagdogra. These are likely to be completed by September 1988. There is also a plan to instal this equipment at Jabalpur, Lilabari and Kanpur.

[English]

Underground Sub-Urban Railway Network

393. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Underground Sub-urban railway network in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal for a project has been received from the concerned State Government.

[Translation]

Waste Land Development Projects

394. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects under the Waste Land Development Programme approved by the Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the projects of the Gujarat State which are pending for approval and the time by which these are likely to be accorded approval;