

for approval. The approval of the projects, however, depends upon submission of compliance by District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs), conformity of the project proposals with guidelines and viability of the projects.

Stoppage of Palace on Wheel at Bundi

3051. SHRI RAM NARAIN MEENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand has been received by his Ministry for stoppage of the royal train "Palace on Wheel" at Bundi, city; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) A suggestion to stop the train at Bundi has been made. Under the existing itinerary of the tour, this is not feasible.

Computer Reservation Counter at Chhapra Station

3052. SHRI HIRA LAL ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the reservation counters at Chhapra junction under Sonapur division; and

(b) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION. (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Westland Helicopters

3053. SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 2432 on June, 11 1998 and state :

(a) whether a large number of Westland Helicopters, acquired from England long back and considered unsuitable for operations are still lying undisposed:

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether these helicopters are parked on rented space; and

(d) if so, the cumulative total of rental charges paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The process of disposal of 19 Westland helicopters with Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is in progress.

(c) These aircraft are parked on space belonging to the Airports Authority of India for which rent is being paid by the PHHL. The PHHL is utilising this land for several purposes such as office building, hangar, dispersal area, etc.

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| (d) 1. Parking charges and rent for store space for Westland Helicopters at Delhi from February 1991 to March, 1998 | Rs. 41.09 lacs |
| 2. Rent for land and store space for Westland Helicopters at Mumbai from February, 1991 to March, 1998. | Rs. 27.86 lacs |

Rs. 68.95 lacs
(Approx.)

Stoppage At Kokrajhar Station

3054. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from people of Assam for providing stoppage of all express trains at Khokrajhar station in Assam :

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) to (c) Some representations were received for stoppage of additional trains at Kokrajhar These were examined, but additional stoppages at Kokrajhar have not been found feasible.

Statue of Gandhi

3055. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal of installation of a bronze statue of Gandhi has been pending for the last three decades;