

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS***[English]***Inflight catering by Indian Airlines**

\*63. **SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR:** Will be Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent annually by the Indian Airlines on food and beverages on inflight catering on various sectors, zone-wise;

(b) the norms followed in this regard;

(c) whether the norms are the same or vary from zone to zone; and

(d) if so, the reasons for such variation?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Indian Airlines spent a sum of Rs. 18.75 crores on food services in 1990-91. Region-wise break-up is as under:-

Western Region : Rs. 7.59 crores

Eastern Region : Rs. 3.23 crores

Northern Region : Rs. 5.14 crores

Southern Region : Rs. 2.79 crores

(b) to (d). Indian Airlines serves meals like breakfast, lunch and dinner during conventional timings i.e. 0700-0840 hours, 1300-1415 hours respectively. Besides, meals like coffee/tea garni, high tea and light refreshments are served on flights operating outside the conventional timings. These meals norms are observed as guidelines and followed without any prejudice to any zone or sector. At times deviations take place due to short duration of flight time, inability to uplift supplies, etc. Generally the services are

upgraded for achieving better passenger satisfaction.

*[Translation]***Installation of Black Box in Aircraft of Vayudoot**

\*66. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aircraft of the Vayudoot are equipped with Flight Data recorder (Black Box);

(b) if not, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to purchase black boxes for being installed in these aircraft; and

(d) if so, the time by which these are likely to be installed?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Only the Dornier-228 fleet of Vayudoot is not fitted with FDRs.

(b) Dornier were not equipped with FDRs by the manufacturers as they were not readily available.

(c) and (d). Vayudoot will draw up a phased programme to install FDRs Dornier aircraft.

**Rail Link from Delhi to Kumaon Region**

\*67. **SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any scheme to link Kumaon region with Delhi by a direct railway service for the development of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this rail service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work on Rampur-Lalkua-Kathgodam BG line is in progress and is expected to be completed in 93-94, after which it would be possible to have direct BG train service between Delhi and Kathgodam.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Compulsory Education in States**

68. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYANAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where education has been declared compulsory;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any new scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) 14 States and 4 UTs have enacted legislation which enables State Governments and UT Administrations to introduce compulsory primary education.

(b) The Central Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since a decision regarding making primary education compulsory depends on local circumstances, a decision in this matter should be taken by State Governments/UT Administrations.

#### **Rail Projects in Uttar Pradesh**

\*69. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway projects that were started in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the year of completion of such projects and the cost thereof;

(c) the works and the areas to which these projects are related;

(d) whether the construction work of some such projects is being delayed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of railway projects to be taken up in the State during the Eighth Plan and the expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

(d) and (e). Projects were progressed according to availability of resources;

(f) Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised.