

Guidelines for Indian Air Space

3398. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has approached the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to evolve new guidelines to reduce the increasing congestion in Indian air space due to a large number of international flights; and

(b) if so, the response that has been received from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Theft at DDA Store

3399. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA :
DR. SAROJA V. :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mysterious theft at DDA store" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated June 4, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein ;

(c) whether any enquiry have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the persons involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the news item the theft of 49 cast iron pipes each weighing 165 kg and 5.5 mtr. long, from the DDA's Central Store at Azadpur on 8.5.98 has been reported.

(c) to (e) DDA has reported that FIR was lodged with Jahangirpuri Police Station on 8.5.1998 and the police is investigating the matter. Action against the persons involved would depend on the outcome of the investigations.

Air Link to Aligarh

3400. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh is not linked by air;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey in regard to building of an airport there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far in this regard ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Recruitment of Safai Karamchari in Lucknow Division

3401. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the irregularities have been committed in the recruitment of 'Safai Karamcharies' held on 19, 20 and 21 March, 1997 in Lucknow division of Northern Railways;

(b) whether the three fourth seats have been filled up from the candidates belonging to upper castes; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far ?

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) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Designing of Multi-Role Mini Space Plane 'Avtar'

3402. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Scientists have designed a self fuelling multi-role mini space plane called 'Avtar' ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its specifications; and

(c) the time by which the production of the plane is likely to be commenced ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Defence Research and Devel-