

Govt. Quarters in Dev Nagar

3385. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have stopped the allotment of Government Quarters in Dev Nagar, New Delhi-5;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the vacant quarters are being converted into rubbish dump; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) There is a scheme for redevelopment of Dev Nagar area and utilisation of vacant pockets of land for construction of general pool accommodation. There were 453 Type-C quarters, (also known as 'E' Type quarters) more than 90% of which have been got vacated by giving alternate accommodation. The vacant quarters and the land are under watch and ward/maintenance of the Central Public Works Department.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

[English]

Dindigul-Trichirappalli Railway Line

3386. SHRI VAIKO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Dindigul-Trichirappalli railway line;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the time by which the above line is likely to be completed ?

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) Work on the gauge conversion of Dindigul-Trichirappalli is already in progress. The conversion block is scheduled to commence in August, 1998.

(b) The cost of the project is Rs. 89.36 crores. The amount spent upto 31.3.98 is Rs. 27.85 crores and outlay provided in 1998-99 is Rs. 61.51 crores.

(c) The above line will be completed within the current financial year.

Flights from Chandigarh

3387. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation to start more flights to and fro from Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken thereon ;

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the proposal of introducing daily flights between Chandigarh and Delhi and from Chandigarh to other capitals of the States like Mumbai, Ahmedabad etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air have, at present, no plans to increase its services between Chandigarh and Delhi because of aircraft capacity constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The traffic potential on the sectors Chandigarh-Mumbai and Chandigarh-Ahmedabad is not adequate for operations with the existing Jet aircraft fleet of Indian Airlines. Airlines Operators are, however, free to operate air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

[Translation]

Loco Shed At Katni

3388. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capacity of NKJ loco shed at Katni under Jabalpur Division has not been fully utilized ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government 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) and (c) Do not arise.