

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a), to (c) Indian Airlines operates a daily flight on Delhi/Patna/Ranchi/Delhi route. Due to inadequate passenger demand Indian Airlines has no plans to operate service on Mumbai/Ranchi sector. However, convenient daily connections to the passengers travelling between Ranchi and Mumbai over Delhi have been provided.

[English]

#### Fleet Expansion Plan of Indian Airlines

1365. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared the fleet expansion plan of the Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, number and type of air-craft to be procured thereunder alongwith the total cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has inducted one A-300 Aircraft on dry lease during May, 1998. Another A-300 aircraft also on dry lease, is expected to join the fleet shortly. The cost of inducting A-300 aircraft will be around Rs.12 crores per aircraft per annum. Four A-320 aircraft are proposed to be leased-in during October/November, 1998 and Tender Notice in this regard has already been released. Indian Airlines is also evaluating proposals for acquisition of six 50 seater aircraft.

[Translation]

#### Requirement of Wagons

1366. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the wagons made available for supplying coal to various thermal power plants in Uttar Pradesh, specially in the Western Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the number of wagons allocated commensurate with the requisition made for them; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to allot wagons for supplying coal as per the demand to the different power plants in Uttar Pradesh ?

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 & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) The year-wise details of the wagons made available for supplying coal to various thermal power plants in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years are as follows :

(Figures in terms of 4-wheeler wagons per day)

Year	Number of wagons supplied (daily average)
1995-96	1955
1996-97	2009
1997-98	2202

The year-wise details of the wagons made available for supplying coal to the thermal power plants in the Western Uttar Pradesh viz. Parichha, Dadri and Harduaganj during each of the last three years are as follows :

Year	Number of wagons supplied (daily average)
1995-96	500
1996-97	659
1997-98	727

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Tatkal Reservation Scheme

1367. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earned by various Zonal Railways during the last year on Tatkal reservation;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation against this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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) The Tatkal Reservation Scheme has been introduced on Railways with effect from 20.12.1997. The total earnings (fare and Tatkal Seva charges) from Tatkal Seva for the period from 20.12.97 upto 29.5.98 are approximately Rs.4.23 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Rail Line between Lalitpur and Singarauli

1368. SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :