

Development of Railway Station in West Bengal

1927. SHRI PALAS BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in West Bengal developed and facilities provided during the last three years and amount spent thereon.

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop more railway stations in West Bengal during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) During the last three years 59 Railway Stations have been developed in the state of West Bengal at a total cost of Rs. 928.96 lakhs. Various works pertaining to provision/extension of waiting halls, foot over bridges, platform coverings, raising of platforms, renovation of station buildings, improvement to lighting, drinking water facilities, waiting rooms for upper class passengers, retiring rooms were undertaken in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 03 Railway Stations in West Bengal are proposed to be developed during 1990-91 at a cost of Rs. 269.62 lakhs.

Effect of "Open Sky Policy" on Airlines

1928. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights, sector-wise, operated during the last two years under the 'Open Sky Policy';

(b) the objectives of the 'Open Sky Policy';

(c) whether the policy has affected the sale and profitability of Air India, Indian Airlines or Vayudoot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The information is under collection.

(b) The objective of the Open Sky Policy is to augment the cargo carrying capacity out of India by Permitting foreign carriers easier access to Indian Market and facilitate movement of export cargo.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Vayudoot Service Between Thanjavur and Madras

1929. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot service between Thanjavur and Madras has been cancelled and Vayudoot service between Trichy and Madras introduced in lieu thereof;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for the restoration of this service between Thanjavur and Madras?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to the shortage of aircraft capacity, it would not be possible for Vayudoot Limited to restore the service to Thanjavur