[English]

Shuttle Train between Jaipur and Phulera

8780. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-GAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view heavy traffic between Jaipur and Phulera, Government propose to introduce a shuttle train between these two stations; and

(b) if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flights between Calcutta and Delhi via Patna and Patna to Bombay

8781. PROF. SHAILENDRA NATH SRIVASTAVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a daily flight between Calcutta and Delhi via Patna and enhance the number of flights between Patna and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTEROF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN). (a) and (b) At present, Indian Airlines is operating six time a week Boeing 737 service on the sector Calcutta-Ranchi-Patna-Lucknow-Delhi and back.

Due to suspension of operations of Airbus A-328 aircraft, capacity has been substantially reduced and, therefore, Indian Airlines is not in a position to increase frequency of any of its present services or to introduce new service.

[Translation]

Number of Hydel, Thermal and other Power Projects

8782. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the hydel, thermal and other power projects where work had started during the last two years and the number of power projects out of these for which the contracts were given to foreign firms/companies;

(b) the present stage of these projects and whether there is any inordinate delay, in starting the work on some of these projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTEROF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Airports In Himachal Pradesh

8783. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports proposed to be constructed in Himachal Pradesh in order to link this border State with each district;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?