

(a) whether workers in the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. Udyogmandal, Kerala are subjected to fatal radiations from radio active substances they handle;

(b) has any cancer death occurred due to these radiations; and

(c) if so, how many workers died due to cancer in the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Capacity Utilisation in Air India and Indian Airlines

*476. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Airlines not using full capacity' appeared in "The Hindustan Times" of 21 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the facts about utilisation of capacity of Air-India and Indian Airlines last year; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to use the full capacity of Air India and Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The aircraft utilisation typewise in Air India during the year 1984-85 was as follows :

Boeing 747	3792 hrs.
A300 B4	3117 hrs.
Boeing 707	2088 hrs.

During the same period the utilisation in Indian Airlines was as follows :—

Airbus	2627 hrs.
Boeing 737	2699 hrs.
F 27	2232 hrs.
HS 748	2007 hrs.

(c) The average utilisation of aircraft by Air India and Indian Airlines compares favourably with the industry average. It is, however, the constant endeavour of the two airlines to optimise the utilisation of their aircraft.

Western Ghats Development Scheme

*477. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Ghats Development Scheme is being implemented;

(b) if so, the total amount allotted for this scheme and how much has been spent so far; and

(c) what are the different schemes submitted by the concerned States for Western Ghats region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The Western Ghats Development Programme is being implemented from 1974-75.

The total allocation so far for the programme is Rs 103.83 crores. Against this the expenditure is expected to be Rs 102.03 crores.

The Bulk of the schemes implemented by the concerned States viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Union Territory of Goa relate to the sectors of agricultural,