

should be no problem. There is enough margin money with your State also. We are not worried about it. You kindly ask them as to whether there is any calamity, what is the state of affairs in Tamil Nadu and whether they have touched the margin money or they are still preserving it.

#### A.I. Flight to Baghdad

\*437. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India propose to start a direct flight to Baghdad ;

(b) whether any request to this effect has been received from Indians in Iraq or the Indian Embassy in Iraq ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Requests have been received from the Ambassador of India in Iraq, Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON), National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) and a private builder for restarting Air India's services to Baghdad. No decision has yet been taken.

SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : I would like to know from the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, as to how long the request is pending with the Central Government and what is the difficulty to take immediate decision in this regard. ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : First of all, there is no load factor, if I were to give the figures of the last two years. Apart from that, we see these main points which are coming in the way for not starting this service to Baghdad. The first point is that we are not able to take the money out and over Rs. 22 crores have been struck up there for the last so many years. Also there is an increased risk because of the war. Apart from that, there is a heavy insurance because both countries are at war with each other and this additional cost of premium is Rs. 4.73 crores per annum. We do not even earn so much money there.

SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Has any survey been conducted to decide whether the direct flight to Baghdad is profitable or not ?

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : There is hardly any traffic. So, having a survey is of no use.

#### Villages Unconnected with Rural Roads

\*438. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages which are not connected by road in each State as on 30 April, 1987 ; and

(b) the national average of length of roads per hundred Sq. Kilometre and the names of States below that average ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) :

(a) and (b). A statement is given below :

#### Statement

S. No.	States/UTs.	No. of Villages yet to be connected by all weather roads (as on 1-4-87)	Road length per hundred Sq. Kilometres of area as on 1-4-83
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15566	48.41
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2643	15.25