

[21 December, 1999]

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(d) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose till 1999-2000 year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):

(a) Yes, Sir. Modernisation and expansion of domestic airports is a continuous process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon operational requirements and availability of funds.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1900 crores has been earmarked in the IX Five Year Plan for the purpose.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The funds allocated for expansion and modernisation of Bhubaneswar airport during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are Rs. 6.63 crores, Rs. 4.76 crores and Rs. 3.10 crores respectively.

### **Landing Gadgets at Delhi Airport**

2011. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy smog in Delhi during winter months invariably delays air journeys on account of lack of proper landing gadgets; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Category II Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been installed at Indira Gandhi International airport in Delhi which has made possible landing/take off of aircraft in relatively low visibility conditions. Category III ILS will be commissioned in November, 2000 which will make landing/take off possible even in still lower visibility conditions.

### **Village Panchayats with STD Facilities in Assam**

2012. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the member of village Panchayats in Assam which have been provided with post and telegraph office facility so far during 1999;

- (b) the details of post offices in the State under village Panchayats, where STD facility is provided district-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR):

Department of Posts	Department of Telecom
(a) There are 27 village Panchayats in Assam State where postal facilities were provided during Annual Plan 1998-99 by opening of extra departmental branch post offices. During the Annual Plan 1999-2000, so far, 24 extra departmental branch post offices have been sanctioned, out of which 3 are sanctioned for Panchayat villages.	Nil
(b) None of the post offices in Gram Panchayat villages is having STD facilities.	Nil
(c) Post offices are opened subject to norms based justification and availability of resources. That is a target for opening of 50 Extra departmental branch post offices in the rural areas of Assam Postal Circle during the Annual Plan 1999-2000 subject to availability of resources.	In Assam, all the telephone exchanges are having STD facility. STD facility to Post Offices is provided on demand subject to availability of resources.