

(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;