

Problems faced by passengers at Ahmedabad Airport

*195. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Indian Airlines and other private Airlines that are coming to Ahmedabad Airport daily or bi-weekly;

(b) whether it is a fact that the terminal booking and departure wing is overcrowded in the morning and evening and there is not enough space and chairs resulting in passengers standing and waiting for departure call;

(c) whether it is also a fact that baggage reclaim area and conveyer belt is very small resulting in hardships to passengers;

(d) whether Government has any proposal for fresh planning of Ahmedabad Airport; and

(e) whether there are any norms for airports related to air traffic?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM):

(a) The following flights are being operated to Ahmedabad Airport at present:—

— 4 daily, three tri-weekly and two bi-weekly flights totalling 41 flights per week of Indian Airlines.

— 3 daily flights totalling 21 flights per week of Jet Airways.

— Thrice weekly flights of Damania NEPC Skyline Airways.

— Twice weekly flights of Sahara India Airlines.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Airports Authority of India has prepared a Master Plan for developing a new terminal complex with a capacity to handle 2000 domestic and 1000 international passengers at Ahmedabad Airport.

(e) The terminal buildings are developed keeping in view the maximum number of flights per hour, the number of passengers per aircraft and visitors who receive and see off the passengers.

Action plan to promote tourism in the country

*196. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an action plan to promote tourism in the country;

(b) whether some new tourism circuits have also been created for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to lay emphasis on domestic tourism and off season tourism; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (e) The National Action Plan in 1992 identified eleven tourist circuits and five destinations for intensive developments to promote tourism in the country. These are as under:—

TRAVEL CIRCUITS.

1. Kulu-Manali-Leh
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong
4. Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Konark
5. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati
6. Madras-Mamallapuram-Pondicherry
7. Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath
8. Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu
9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer