

AAI have a plan for extending the Runway to 9000 ft. with Category I Approach lights for operation of wide bodied aircraft in low visibility conditions. The additional land of 100 acres required for this purpose, has been projected to Government of Bihar.

(b) Presently, no proposal for construction of any new airport in the State of Bihar has been firmed up.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Once additional land of 100 acres is provided by Government of Bihar, it will enable AAI to expand the Runway to 9000 ft. making the airport suitable for wide-bodied Medium Capacity Long Range aircraft being commonly used for International Flights. Gaya is available as a point of call for international operation which can be granted on the request of foreign airlines. At present, Air India, Druk Air and Thai Airways operate international flights from Gaya. Further, actual operations are decided by airlines as per their commercial judgement.

Competition among oil companies

†*25. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision of reducing the prices of petrol and diesel has been left on open market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the open market pricing policy would increase the competition among various oil companies; and

(d) if so, the policy formulated to regulate the competition among these oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The open market pricing policy, if introduced, would increase the competition among various oil companies.

(d) Does not arise.

Problems faced by corporate houses

*26. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of problems pointed out and suggestions made by corporate houses during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken to solve these problems;

(c) the details of problems solved and those yet to be solved; and

(d) by when these problems would be solved?

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