

(c) High fuel prices affect international airways operations and to some extent passenger arrivals to India. A decision has been taken to provide bulk discount on ATF prices to international airways as per details given below:

Annual volume of uplift in India exceeding	Bulk discount of fuel price	
50,000 KL	2% on entire quantity	
75,000 KL . . . . .	3%	Do.
100,000 KL . . . . .	5%	Do.
125,000 KL . . . . .	10%	Do.
150,000 KL . . . . .	15%	Do.
175,000 KL . . . . .	20%	Do.
200,000 KL . . . . .	25%	Do.
225,000 KL . . . . .	30%	Do.

These discounts are available for all international airways and is effective from 5th September, 1988.

#### Progress of Ahmedabad-Baroda Express Highway

52. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of Ahmedabad-Baroda Express Highway is going on as per the schedule, if so, when it is likely to be completed;

(b) what was the original estimated cost of this project;

(c) whether there is any escalation in the cost of project, if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any aid, loan or capital investment from World Bank, IMF or any other international or domestic agency, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal for extending this Highway upto Talsali or

any other place, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The construction of Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway is at present behind schedule. However, efforts are being made to make up the slippages and to complete the work by February, 1992.

(b) and (c) The original sanctioned cost of the project is Rs. 128.4 crores and on the basis of tenders accepted for the various sections the cost works out to about Rs. 153.00 crores.

(d) Loan assistance from World Bank is available for the project. They would provide 46 per cent of cost of Civil works excluding Land Acquisition.

(e) There is no proposal at present to extend the expressway beyond Vadodara.

#### Increase in cargo traffic

53. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 424 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the percentage increase in cargo traffic during the last three years in (i) Indian Airlines and (ii) Air India;

(b) what is the estimated increase in traffics in respect of above mentioned two airlines during the next three years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the increase demands in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):

(a) and (b) The percentage increase in cargo traffic of Indian Airlines and Air India during the last three years and the