

classes. It is for the respective State Govts. and concerned organizations to determine the selection procedure of Urdu teachers in their schools, and to ensure the availability of Urdu teachers and Urdu text-books.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

272. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering a proposal for upgradation and modernization of Raipur and Ranchi Airports;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the amount earmarked for the modernization of these airports;
- (d) whether Government has plans to commence international flights from these airports; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At Raipur Airport, construction of new integrated terminal building complex including two aerobridges to cater to 700 passengers (300 international + 400 domestic) at a time, has been taken up with an estimated cost of Rs. 135.72 crores and the expected date of completion is December, 2009.

At Ranchi Airport, the work of construction of a new integrated terminal building for 700 passengers (500 domestic & 200 international) with modern amenities and two aerobridges at a cost of Rs. 137.79 crores has been taken up and the expected date of completion is March, 2010.

(d) and (e) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has provided all facilities required for operation of international flights at new Integrated Terminal Building under construction at Raipur and Ranchi airports. However, at present, there is no request from any Foreign Carrier/Airline for operation through Ranchi and Raipur airports. With regard to Indian carriers, they are free to start international operations from any point in India to the agreed international destinations as per bilateral arrangements.

Madurai Airport

273. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether integrated terminal is being built at Madurai Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the terminal would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) with modern passenger facilities like