

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) While Indian Airlines and International Airports Authority of India have been continuously making profits, Air India is going to incur a net loss during 1987-88, Pawan Hans and Vayudoot are also likely to incur a loss during 1987-88. There is no decline in international passenger traffic of Air India and Indian Airlines.

(b) The reasons for loss are :

AIR INDIA : Decline in yields, impact of depreciation and interest and enhanced expenditure on *ad hoc* relief interim relief.

VAYUDOOT : Initial infrastructural and development cost; escalation in Deutsche Mark leading to increased out-go for purchase of Dornier aircraft.

PAWAN HANS : High incidence of depreciation and obsolescence reserve for capital equipment.

(c) The steps taken to improve the financial performance, *inter-alia*, are :

(i) Improving yields by generating higher class traffic.

(ii) Striving for higher share of market.

(iii) Increased utilisation of fleet.

(iv) Keeping a tight control on costs.

Compensation to the passengers for cancelled flight of the Vayudoot

2946. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days the Vayudoot services were cancelled in the Eastern Sector;

(b) whether any compensation is given to the passengers for such cancellation; and

(c) what steps are taken to make the flights timebound and regular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) From 1st December, 1987 till date there have been 8 cases of cancellations of flights by Vayudoot in the Eastern Region.

(b) No, Sir. As per the normal airline practice no compensation is provided when the cancellation of flights is beyond the control of the operator.

(c) In the eastern sector the on-time performance of Vayudoot is 85 per cent. With a view to further improving its despatch reliability, Vayudoot is positioning one aircraft at Guwahati.

Foreign visits made by officials of UGC

2947. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits made to foreign countries by the Chairman, Secretary and other officials of the University Grants Commission during the last three years alongwith the names of the countries visited;

(b) the names of conferences and seminars attended by these officials and other details of these visits; and

(c) the total amount of money spent on these visits during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. (See below:

(c) The total expenditure during:—

1984-85	. . .	Rs. 1,70,787.00
1985-86	. . .	Rs. 76,995.00
1986-87	. . .	Rs. 1,30,279.00