

ment with U.S. the Sri Lankan Government have erected a high powered transmitter in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Voice of America would have full control over the programme; and

(c) whether this transmitter would pose a danger to India's defence communication systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN), (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information available the proposed transmitter is going to be a shortwave relay station of the Voice of America.

(c) The relay station is reportedly the most powerful outside the US and its range is likely to cover the whole of the Indian Sub-continent and the neighbouring countries.

Tyre Burst of Boeing Aircraft at Palam airport

1245. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tyres of two boeings of Indian Airlines burst on their landing at Patna airport during the last week of February, 1985;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. These incidents were investigated by the Indian Airlines.

(c) Investigation in one case which has been completed has revealed that there was malfunctioning of its anti-skid module in the brake system. Investigation in the second case is in progress.

Objectives of Vayudoot airlines

1246. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that originally the Vayudoot services were introduced for providing air communication facilities to far-flung hilly areas of the country particularly Northern Eastern Regional States and Union Territories for bringing them closer to the national main-stream;

(b) Whether the proposal conceived for such services has been implemented in letter and spirit; and

(c) what is the number of States/UTs which have already been covered by the said airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) Vayudoot was conceived with the objective of connecting inaccessible areas of the North East Region and station not served by Indian Airlines, which are important as centres of trade and commerce or from the point of view of tourism.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following States/UTs in the country have been connected by Vayudoot services:

Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra.

Posting of trained I.A.S. officers to Arunachal Pradesh

1247. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of trained I.A.S. officers in Arunachal Pradesh is below the desired level; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government for posting of