

Improvement of Shillong Airfield at Umroi

1186. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government propose to improve the Shillong Airfield at Umroi by installing telecommunication and refuelling services;

(b) whether Government also propose to introduce a second daily Vayudoot flight between Calcutta and Shillong in view of the growing demand of passengers; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(a) The existing telecommunication facilities available at Shillong airfield at Umroi are considered adequate for safe operation of aircraft.

Information in respect of refuelling services is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) and (c) The present daily service of Vayudoot between Calcutta and Shillong meets adequately the existing traffic demand and there are no plans at present to increase the frequency of the service.

Details of the aircraft in the fleet of Vayudoot services

1187 SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number and type of aircraft in the fleet of the Vayudoot service as on the 28th February, 1985: and

(b) what are the details of the new aircraft likely to be included in the fleet during the year 1985-86?

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

(a) The number and type of aircraft in the fleet of Vayudoot as on 28th February, 1985 is as under:—

Type of Aircraft	Number
1. F-27	2 (On lease From IA)
2. HS-748	3 (On lease From IA)
/ 3. Dornier-228	4 (Including one on lease from M/S Druk Air of Bhutan)

(b) Vayudoot is likely to receive three Dornier-228 Aircraft during the financial year 1985-86.

Decline of Tourist Traffic to the Hili Resorts

1188. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of decline of tourist traffic to the hill resorts in the country due to lack of necessary facilities for domestic and middle class tourists; and

(b) so, what steps Government propose to take to develop the hili stations for attracting tourist traffics.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Government have not received any specific complaint about fall or decline of tourist traffic to the hill resorts in the country because of lack of facilities;

(b) The development of hill tourism has been given due importance in the provision of facilities/promotional programmes of the Department for the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme in Meghalaya

1189. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State;

(a) whether it is a fact that the imple-

mentation of the 20-Point Prognime in Meghalaya has been unsatisfactory;

(b) whether the Planning Commission had written to the State Government asking them to accelerate the pace of the Programme; and

(c) if so, what steps have so far been taken by the State Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) A statement giving the targets and achievements in respect of the items of the 20-Point Programme being implemented in Meghalaya for the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 (upto February 1985) is attached (See Appendix XXXIII, Annexure No 14): The performance of the State during 1982-83 was 'Very Good' i.e., 90 per cent or more of the target in 7 items viz: Irrigation Potential, Tree Plantation, Bio-gas Plants, Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres, I.C.D.S. Blocks and Enrolment in Elementary Education. The progress in 9 items was 'Poor' i.e., below 80 per cent of the target. During 1983-84, the progress under 8 items viz: Irrigation Potential, Slum improvement, Bio-gas Plants, Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres, I.C.D.S. Blocks, Elementary Education and V.S.I. Units set up was 'Very Good'. In 9 items the progress was 'Poor'. As far as 1984-85 is concerned, information is available upto the end of February. In assessing the progress during a part of a year, achievement of over 80 per cent is classified as 'Very Good' and below 70 per cent is aified as 'Poor'. On this basis the progress in Meghalaya has been 'Very Good' under 5 items viz. Slum Improvement, EWS Houses, Tree Plantation, Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres. In 8 items the progress was 'Poor'. Information about the progress under Irrigation Potential, Dryland Farming, Pulses Production, Enrolment in Elementary Education and Adult Literacy is not available.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Meghalaya has replied that the executing departments have been advised to take all necessary

steps to achieve the targets set for 1984-85 and to closely monitor the Programme.

Pick Pocket rings in Delhi

1190. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the massive pickpocket rings operating in Delhi;

(b) if so, steps taken/proposed to be taken to eliminate this menace;

(c) whether it is a fact that even poor men are not able to escape this menace as reported in the Times of India of the 22nd February, 1985;

(d) whether it is also a fact that random sample survey has shown that almost every regular bus passenger has been affected for once or more;

(e) whether pickpockets are operating with the knowledge and support of bus conductors and the police;

(f) whether many of these offenders carry arms and lethal weapons; and

(g) whether police stations are reluctant to register such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATIRAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken to combat the menace of pick pocketing:

(i) Policemen in Uniform and in plain cloth are deployed in running DTC buses and at the bus stops;

(ii) Special drives against pick pockets are undertaken from time to time;

(iii) Strict surveillance is being kept on the activities of known pick pockets;

(iv) special directions to field forces have been given to remain vigilant over the activities of pickpockets during: rolling in their respective divisions

(d) No, Sir.