

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-