

Indian Airlines expect to place the completed study before their Board of Directors in the near future, for consideration.

Progress of work on the expansion of Udaipur Aerodrome

192. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI
CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the progress of work on the expansion of Udaipur aerodrome is according to the schedule ;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) to (c) One of the contractors entrusted with the works at Udaipur aerodrome abandoned the work after completing about 30% of the job. The tenders had to be reinvited and the balance work entrusted to another contractor. The works relating to extension and strengthening of the runway are proceeding satisfactorily now. Limited operations by Boeing -737 are now permitted as two layers of the strengthening on the existing runway and extension of runway by 300 feet to make it 5700 feet have already been completed. The entire works are expected to be completed by the end of this year making it fit for regular Boeing operations.

Facilities for Tourists in Sewagram

193. SHRI S. W. DHABE : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Bungalow and a Rest House at Sewagram in Wardha District for Indian and foreign visitors ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Government is planning

to construct a Tourist Bungalow (Yatri Niwas) at Sewagram in Wardha District for Indian and foreign visitors.

(b) The details are being finalised.

Funds for handloom weavers

194. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a section of handloom weavers has recently requested Government to provide adequate funds for the implementation of developmental schemes to improve the lot of weavers ; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) and (b) Representations on behalf of handloom weavers have been received from time to time to provide adequate funds for the implementation of various handloom development schemes. A number of intensive development and export production projects in various parts of the country have already been approved for implementation. Other handloom development programmes for strengthening the technology of the handloom industry, for increasing the co-operative coverage, for increasing the production of yarn for the handloom sector etc. will shortly be undertaken in consultation with the State Governments. A sum of Rs. 5 crores has already been provided for the implementation of the new handloom development schemes and necessary action is being taken to provide further funds for the implementation of all the handloom projects.

Increase in the wholesale price index

195. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:
SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA
PATRO :
DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the wholesale price index during the last four weeks ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and