

मुजफ्फरपुर विमान क्षेत्र इन दोनों विमानों में से किसी के परिचालन के लिए भी उपयुक्त नहीं है।

(घ) यद्यपि इंडियन एयरलाइंस रांची और जमशेदपुर (टाटानगर) के लिए दैनिक सेवाएं परिचालित करती हैं, उनकी मुगेर, भागलपुर तथा धनबाद को विमान सेवा से जोड़ने की किलहल कार्यवाजनाये नहीं है।

†[THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Patna, Gaya, Ranchi and Jamshedpur are already air-linked. The possibility of operating an air service to Muzaffarpur is under examination.

(c) Indian Airlines operate F-27/Viscount aircraft on the Patna-Kathmandu route. Muzaffarpur airfield is not suitable for either of these aircraft.

(d) While Indian Airlines operate daily services to Ranchi and Jamshedpur (Tatanagar), they have no plans at present to airlink Monghyr, Bhagalpur and Dhanbad.]

COMMITTEE TO PROBE INTO NATIONAL ACADEMIES

576. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had stated in Parliament that a Committee to probe into the activities of the Sangeet Natak Academy, Lalit Kala Academy, Sahitya Academy and Indian Council of Cultural Relations would be set up within less than three months; and

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has since been set up, and if not, what are the reasons for the delay in the setting up of the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRIMATI JAHANARA JAIPAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The appointment of a fourteen-member Reviewing Committee to go into the working of the three National Academies and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, under the chairmanship of Shri Justice G. D. Khosla was publicly announced on the 19th February 1970. The names of other members will be announced after their acceptances to serve on the Committee are received.

INSTRUMENTS LYING IDLE IN NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTIONS

577. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a report appearing in the Statesman dated the 1st January, 1970 to the effect that important instruments worth several crores of rupees are lying idle in National Laboratories and research institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (PROF. V.K.R.V. RAO): (a) and (b) On the basis of a sample survey conducted in 1966 by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for the Planning Commission it was estimated that instruments/equipment worth about 53.00 lakhs were not in immediate use in the National Laboratories/Institutes. Basing on this data, the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh roughly extrapolated the cost of instruments/equipment lying unused in research institutions, universities' IITs/Engineering Colleges, Hospitals, Government Departments etc. for want of repairs at about 4 to 5 crores. The CSIO has not conducted any survey in this regard separately.