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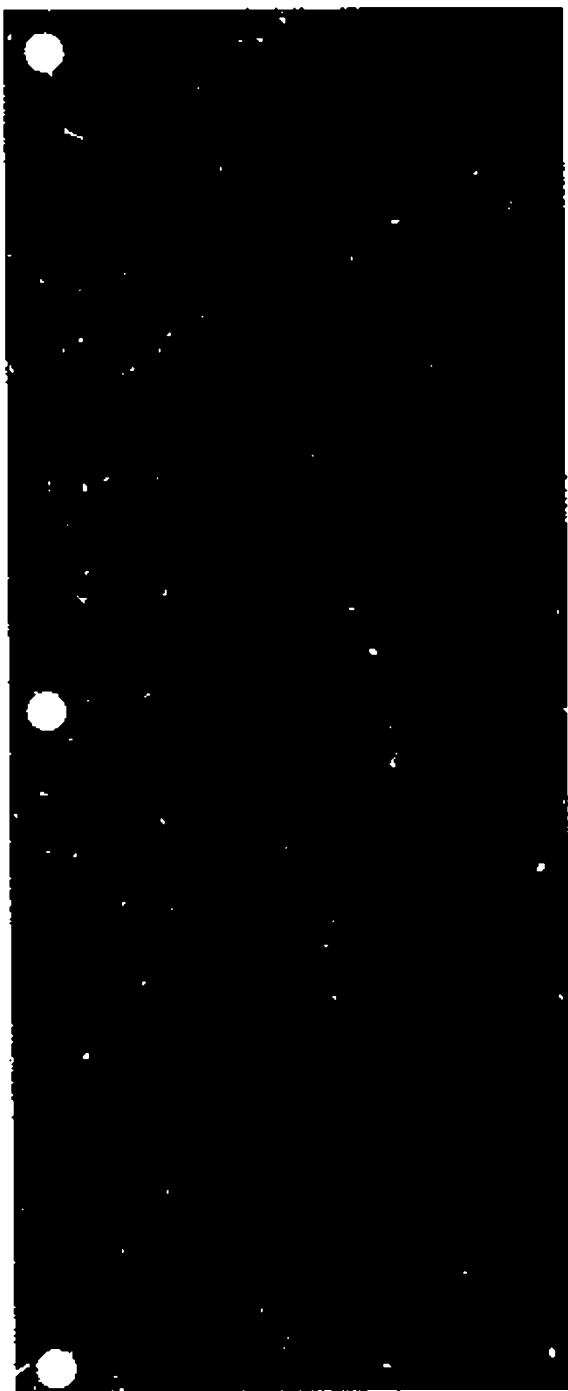
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# Transportation and Telecommunications

## A. Appraisal (C)

Although the transportation and telecommunication (telecom) systems of India have undergone many improvements, expansion and improvements have not kept pace with the nation's economic development, and in some areas the systems are still inadequate to meet the needs of the large population. Facilities are fairly well distributed throughout the country, but many areas, including some which are heavily populated, have no modern means of transportation or telecommunications. The heaviest concentrations of facilities are near the larger cities in the Ganges valley and in the southern part of the country; the areas with the poorest service are the island groups and the Himalayan regions, including the State of Jammu and Kashmir. There are, however, a few surfaced roads in Jammu and Kashmir, but normally these are not open all year, and most other overland routes are nonmotorable tracks and trails. A rail line being constructed to link the strategic town of Jammu with Pathankot<sup>1</sup> and the rest of the country was scheduled to be opened to traffic in September 1972. Srinagar and the town of Jammu are served by civil air flights, and both have domestic radiobroadcast stations.

The railroads are the principal means of internal transportation, and the highways and inland waterways function chiefly as feeders to them. Since the beginning of the First Five Year Economic Development Plan in FY1951/52 (1 April-31 March), the increase in internal traffic has fallen mainly on railroad and highway transport. During the 20-year period from 1951 through 1970, railroad traffic

<sup>1</sup>For diacritics on place names see the list of names on the apron of the Terrain and Transportation map and the map itself.

increased about 290%, and traffic on the highways is estimated to have increased almost 600%. Of the total traffic carried in FY1970/71 by both rail and road transport, on a basis of ton-miles and passenger-miles, the railroads carried about 76% of the freight and 55% of the passenger traffic. Although the percentage of volume carried by coastal shipping, inland waterways, pipelines, and civil air is small, these modes are important supplements to the railroads as well as to the highways. Only air and rail services are reasonably adequate. The other modes have been unable to keep up with the growing demands for either freight or passenger service, and this failure has handicapped economic growth. Coastal shipping is of importance in that it relieves the burden on overland routes; however, the improvement of rail services has reduced the demand for coastal shipping.

The most important international connections are by sea, and the greatest volume of traffic moves through the seaports. There are rail, road, and inland waterway connections with Bangladesh and rail and road connections with Pakistan, but cross-border operations with Pakistan ceased during the hostilities of 1965 and by 1973 still had not been resumed. A number of road connections and two rail connections exist with Nepal, and there are road connections with Bhutan, Sikkim, Burma, and China. The long coastline affords few good sites for ports. As a result the port system is not extensive. Foreign trade has increased rapidly, bringing increased port traffic congestion, and increasingly taxing the already inadequate facilities within the ports. Despite substantial growth of the merchant fleet, it carries only about a fifth of the country's seaborne foreign trade.

Telecom facilities are similarly overtaxed. The domestic networks provide fair services within and

between the major urban areas, but in the remainder of the country they are less reliable and improvements have been too slow to satisfy the demands of the public. Facilities for international communications, which include modern systems, are adequate for normal traffic requirements.

The transportation and telecom networks are based on those established by the British during the colonial period. Many of the basic British policies still prevail—for example, putting primary reliance on railroads for internal transportation. Over the 26 years since independence great effort has gone into improving the systems. Though significant improvements have been achieved, they have been offset by the increasing requirements of a changing economic structure.

Since independence, the government has provided for its major transportation and telecom projects under various 5- and 1-year plans. Notable achievements include building about 2,860 miles of rail lines, double tracking and electrifying many sections of line, and manufacturing large quantities of rolling stock and many steam, diesel, and electric locomotives. In addition, the total length of the highway system has been increased by about 160%, and the mileage of surfaced roads by more than 100%. The civil air fleet has been largely converted to jet aircraft, and the maritime tonnage has been significantly increased. A pipeline system also has been built under the plans. The telecom networks have also been expanded and improved. The government's announced policy is to continue improvements in transportation and telecom facilities under successive plans until the systems have a capacity adequate to support an industrialized economy.

### **B. Strategic mobility (C)**

The movement and supply of military forces in a sustained operation would be largely dependent on the railroads and coastal shipping. The railroads are considered capable of supporting military operations, but the movement of military supplies by highways would be hampered by numerous physical bottlenecks, the low supporting characteristics of the largely unsurfaced road network, and the prevalence of one-lane roads throughout the system. Inland waterways are important in the Ganges valley and the Assam region of northeast India and would provide a valuable supplement to the land routes in these areas.

About 95% of India's petroleum pipelines are also located in the northeast and can be used to supplement the major lines of communications.

Refineries at Baruni and Gauhati are the focal points for the largest segment of the pipelines. Refined products lines extend from Gauhati to Siliguri and from Baruni to Kanpur and Calcutta. The 323-mile Baruni-Calcutta line has a reverse-flow capability for carrying crude to the Baruni refinery as well as refined products to the Calcutta area.

The seven major ports are suitable for military use. Their facilities and estimated military port capacities are given in Figure 8, a table in Section G, below.

The merchant marine would be of major importance in sustained logistic support of military operations. The 182 dry-cargo ships have a considerable potential for short-haul (up to 48 hours steaming) troop lift and sustained logistics support in near-seas operations. These ships have a military lift and supply transport potential of about 1.5 million cargo deadweight tons. Their self-loading and unloading capability is enhanced by the fact that 55 units have heavy-lift booms (40 tons or more) and 26 units have both heavy-lift booms and large hatches (more than 50 feet in length). However, many of these cargo-type ships are engaged in worldwide operations; some might well not be available for military support operations when needed. With expansion of the total normal passenger capacity of about 1,000, the three passenger and 11 combination passenger-cargo ships would have a moderate potential for longer haul (more than 48 hours steaming) troop transport. The 12 tankers have an estimated capacity of about 3.3 million barrels of petroleum and related products, and thus could provide a considerable fleet-oiler support potential for a short period.

Civil air transport facilities in India are government owned, and all equipment and personnel could be made available to the military in time of national emergency. During the 1971 hostilities with Pakistan, many aircraft from both airlines were used for military transport services. Although the number of commercial flights were reduced, the airlines still maintained operations. The Indian Air Force, however, temporarily took over most of the functions of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

Of the 372 usable airfields, 28 are military, 20 are joint military/civil, 38 are civil, and 286 are state-owned, private, or abandoned facilities which could be used in emergencies.

India's domestic telecom system provides fair services in and between major cities but are less reliable in other areas of the country. Telecom systems and facilities are vulnerable to attack. Sabotage of open-wire lines would be easy, and the theft of copper wire is on the increase. Landline communications

could be further interrupted in any area by damaging selected long-distance switching centers. Although domestic radiocommunication stations are numerous, they cannot provide adequate alternate traffic routes. During past emergencies, telecom services have been marginal at best, and efforts to improve them have yet to remedy all deficiencies. Furthermore, some of the international radiocommunication and submarine cable facilities, particularly the recently installed satellite ground station, are in isolated locations, making them more vulnerable to sabotage.

### C. Railroads (C)

The Indian railroad network is the largest in Asia and the fourth largest in the world. As of 31 March 1971, the network consisted of 37,152 route miles of government-owned lines and 129 route miles of private lines, as follows:

GAGE	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL
Broad (5'6")	18,299	0	18,299
Meter (3'3 3/4")	16,072	0	16,072
Narrow (2'6" and 2'0")	2,781	129	2,910
Total	37,152	129	37,281

There were 6,933 miles of double- or multiple-track lines (6,645 miles of broad-gage and 288 miles of meter-gage) and 2,303 route miles of electrified lines, of which 2,200 were broad-gage. The government-owned Indian Railways are the most important and best developed mode of transportation and are generally adequate for the country's requirements. The privately owned lines are entirely local in character and are not discussed here.

Except for the mountainous state of Jammu and Kashmir, most areas of the country are served by rail; the network is particularly dense in the heavily populated Ganges valley. The broad- and meter-gage lines are interconnected by transloading points and are distributed generally throughout the network, with only a few areas where one gage predominates; the upper Ganges valley has more broad-gage, and the lower part more meter-gage. In western India, the density of meter-gage lines is quite high; the eastern region south and southeast from the lower half of the Ganges valley to the east coast has broad-gage lines only. The broad-gage lines carry most of the freight and passenger traffic; most meter-gage lines serve areas where there is comparatively little traffic. Particularly important broad-gage lines are those that connect Calcutta and Delhi, traversing the Gangetic Plain and serving the high-grade coalfields northwest of Calcutta; those from Calcutta down the east coast

to Madras and across the southern part of the peninsula to Cochin and Mangalore; those connecting Bombay with New Delhi, Calcutta, and Madras; and those that, in conjunction with meter-gage lines, connect Calcutta with the extreme northeast. International connections are made with the rail systems of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal. However, there are no cross-border operations with Pakistan. Since the 14-day war with Pakistan in December 1971, rail connections have been established between India and Bangladesh in three locations. Equipment is interchangeable with Pakistan and Bangladesh at most of the border stations; those where it is not interchangeable are equipped for transloading, as are both connections with Nepal.

Track structure is light compared to that of U.S. railroads. On the broad-gage lines, rail weights range from 75 to 115 pounds per yard, with 90-pound rail predominating; 110- and 115-pound rail is used in areas of heavy traffic and high speeds. Rail weights range from 50 to 90 pounds per yard on meter-gage lines, with 60-pound rail predominating; a majority of the narrow-gage lines have 50- and 60-pound rail. Rail weight standards have been fixed at 105 pounds for broad-gage trunk and heavily traveled lines, and 75 pounds for meter-gage lines. T-section rails have been designated as standard, but considerable trackage is laid with bull- and double-head rails. Rail lengths range from 20 to 42 feet, the most extensively used being 42 feet on broad-gage and 29 feet on meter-gage lines. In March 1971 there were 12,184 miles of welded rail. Over half the rail required is still being imported, but indigenous supplies are increasing annually. Ties are made of timber, cast iron, steel, and concrete. Metal ties predominate on the broad-gage lines, those of timber predominate on the meter and narrow gages. Limited domestic supplies make it necessary to import some timber ties, which have been obtained from Burma and Nepal. Steel also must be imported; however, it is expected that domestic production eventually will supply all tie requirements. Ballast materials in general use are broken stone, gravel, *mooram* and *kunkur* (soft lime aggregates), slag, broken brick, sand, cinders, and selected earth; broken stone is used on most of the important lines.

In March 1971, bridges on the Indian Railways totaled 104,368, of which 8,424 were considered major bridges with lengths of 60 feet or more. Most bridges with spans over 80 feet long are of steel truss construction (Figure 1), and those with spans 30 to 80 feet long are usually plate-girder type; the shorter spans are generally reinforced concrete or masonry-arch structures. There are at least 177 tunnels on the



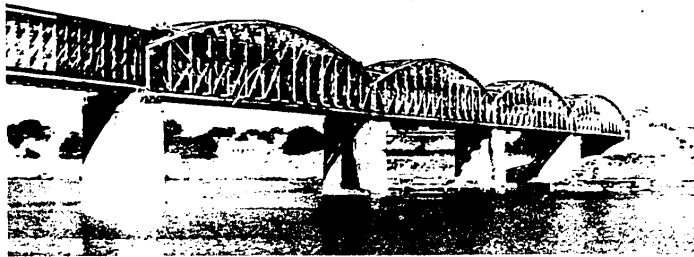


FIGURE 1. Malaviya Bridge. Rail-highway structure over the Ganges at Benares (C)

principal lines. In general, they are adequately drained and ventilated.

Construction and maintenance are difficult and costly, primarily because of the subtropical monsoonal climate that prevails over most of India. Heavy rains during the southwest monsoon season (June through September) cause widespread damage to bridges, culverts, and roadbed—it is normally expected that after each rainy season whole sections of track, particularly in the south and northeast, will require major repairs or replacement. Construction and maintenance, generally accomplished from October to March, are still done almost entirely by hand.

Under the Fourth Five Year Plan (1 April 1969-31 March 1974) the railroad freight traffic was expected to increase to about 291.2 million short tons and passenger traffic to increase by about 20%. However, as freight traffic has been much below that initially anticipated, the target has been reduced to 264.5 million short tons. In order to increase the capacity of existing lines, the plan calls for double tracking 1,925 miles, electrifying 1,615 miles, and procuring 2,177 locomotives, 163,250 freight cars, and 9,282 passenger cars. The plan emphasizes the improvement of existing lines but provides for construction of 1,366 miles of new lines. Extensions of the network are for meeting the needs of basic and heavy industries and of traffic in minerals such as coal and iron ore. Provision has been made for conversion of 280 miles of meter-gage lines to broad gage. By the end of FY1970/71 (1 April-30 March) 122 miles of new lines had been constructed; 265 miles of double tracking completed; 288 miles electrified; and 424 locomotives, 26,043 freight cars, and 2,790 passenger cars procured.

During FY1970/71 freight traffic on the railroads was slightly less than in FY1969/70; however, substantial net gains have been made over the last

decade. Official revenue traffic statistics, in millions, for representative fiscal years are as follows:

	1961/62	1966/67	1969/68	1970/71
Freight:				
Short tons . . . . .	172	221	228	216
Short ton-miles . . . . .	60,043	79,654	87,850	87,240
Passengers . . . . .	1,594	2,190	2,338	2,431
Passenger-miles . . . . .	48,261	63,425	70,452	73,396

In FY1970/71 the Indian Railways had gross traffic receipts equivalent to US\$1.342 million and operating expenses of \$1,130 million, for an operating ratio of 84.2. However, with the addition of miscellaneous expenses and agreed payments to general revenues, the railroads had a deficit equivalent to about \$24.5 million. Deficits have occurred each year since FY1966/67, the first year of deficit.

The absolute manual block system of train control is in general use, but automatic block has been installed on short sections around congested areas of large cities. Two sections of lines in the northeast, totaling 191 miles, are being equipped for centralized traffic control. Semaphore and color-light signals (two- and three-aspect) are in use. Both telephone and telegraph communications are used on main lines, but branch lines are equipped with telegraph only.

Equipment on the Indian Railways is in good condition but is barely adequate in quantity. Equipment acquisition has been a major item in all 5-year plans. Procurement of rolling stock constituted 33% of expenditure during the Third Five Year Plan (FY1960/61-1965/66), and is expected to constitute about 38% in the Fourth Plan (FY1969/70-1973/74); expenditures for rolling stock amounted to about 40% of total expenditures in FY1970/71. A major feature has been replacement of overage equipment; although the situation has improved, a significant amount of overage equipment is still in use.

Inventories of the serviceable railroad equipment as of 31 March 1971 was as follows:

	BROAD GAGE	METER GAGE	NARROW GAGE	TOTAL NUMBER
Locomotives:				
Steam	5,299	3,293	720	9,312
Diesel	872	264	33	1,169
Electric	582	30	0	612
Total	7,053	3,652	423	11,128
Passenger cars	14,259	10,023	1,453	25,735
Freight cars	370,857	91,337	5,714	467,908

The above passenger-car figures include 1,856 broad-gage and 174 meter-gage electric multiple-unit coaches in operation in suburban sections of Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras. Freight-car figures exclude overaged stock replaced but still in use.

All steam locomotives (Figure 2) and most diesel and electric locomotives are supplied by domestic production. Because steam locomotive production was being phased out, only 35 steam locomotives were built in FY1970/71. During the same year, 61 mainline diesels (65 broad, 33 meter, and five narrow gage), 35 broad-gage diesel shunters, and 50 broad-gage electric locomotives were added and, except for eight mainline diesels, all were manufactured locally. The mainline broad-gage and meter-gage diesel locomotives are built by the Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) at Benares. By the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan in March 1974, the DLW should have the capability to produce 150 broad-gage diesel locomotives annually. The broad-gage diesel shunters, narrow-gage diesels, and electric locomotives were produced at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) at Chittaranjan. Steam-locomotive production was accomplished at the CLW until February 1972, when production of steam locomotives was discontinued. Fifty-seven WCG2 Co-Co 1,500-volt direct current electric locomotives and 143 WAM4 Co-Co 25-kilovolt alternating current locomotives are on order from CLW (Figure 3). By the end of the



FIGURE 2. Broad-gage steam locomotive, class WG (UIC)

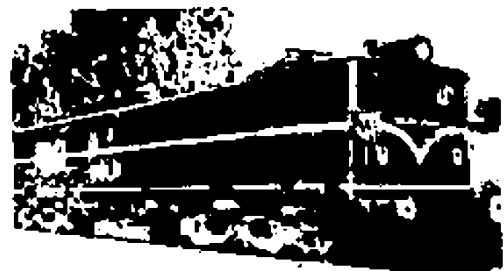
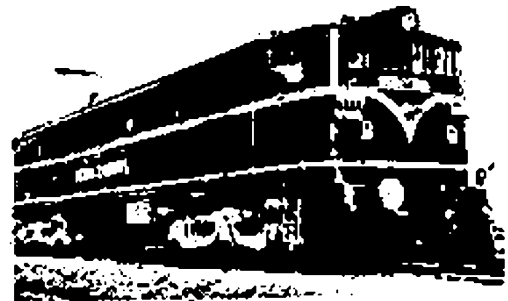


FIGURE 3. Indian Railways has standardized on Co-Co electric locomotives to meet a wide range of operational needs. The WCG2 (top) for d.c. sections and the WAM4 (bottom) for 25 kv, a.c. lines share a large number of standard components. (UIC)

Fourth Five Year Plan, CLW annual production of electric locomotives should be increased to 150. All rolling stock is now produced domestically. Most of the freight cars are built by private firms, but some are constructed in the major railroad shops. Passenger cars are manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur near Madras and by other government-owned and private factories. In FY1970/71 a total of 11,125 freight cars and 1,203 passenger car units were built.

Locomotives use coal, diesel oil, wood, and electricity. Coal is the principal fuel and is available in large quantities, but it is of poor quality. Fuel oil is imported, chiefly from Indonesia and the Middle East. India is generally deficient in wood, which is used on only a few branch lines. Water is available at all main stations, the quality is generally poor, and tannin is used to treat it. Standard since 1957, 25-kilovolt single-phase alternating current is in use on about 85% of the electric lines. Exceptions are the 1,500-volt direct current system in use on 223 miles of

lines around Bombay and Madras, and the 3,000-volt direct current system in use on 48 miles of lines in the Calcutta area. Conversion to the 25-kilovolt alternating current system on remaining lines is in progress except in the Bombay area.

The Indian Railways are operated by the Railway Board, under the Ministry of Railways. The Railway Board, with full responsibility for administrative and technical supervision and direction of the railroads, consists of a chairman, a financial commissioner, and nine members. The railroads are divided into nine zonal systems, each headed by a general manager who is responsible to the Railway Board for operation, maintenance, and the financial position of his rail zone.

On 31 March 1971, there were 1,379,000 railroad employees. Employee training is provided at basic training centers and advanced schools. Officers are trained at the Railway Staff College at Vadodara (formerly Baroda), and courses for supervisory staff are held at the Zonal Railway Training School, Chandigarh. Indian Railway Institutes at Pune (Poona), Secunderabad, and Jamalpur offer specialized technical courses. Adequate numbers of personnel are available and their ability, particularly in the case of executives, is reported to be good.

#### D. Highways (C)

The Indian highway network is inadequate for current economic needs, but the movement and supply of military forces would be seriously hampered by the scarcity of surfaced roads, the low-carrying capacity of existing roads, the prevalence of one-lane surfaced roads, and the numerous physical bottlenecks throughout the system. Highways provide feeder service for the railroads and short-haul services as a supplement to rail facilities. Highway transport operations are being expanded, particularly in long-haul services, but they have not kept pace with the increased transport needed to support economic development programs.

The extent of the transportation deficit in India is indicated by comparison with transport resources in the remainder of the world. India accounts for about 15% of the world's population but for only a very small percentage of the worldwide total of improved roads, rail-freight traffic, and truck and bus inventories. Road transport in India is considerably under-stressed. Although the country is the seventh largest in the world in size, with a total land area of approximately 1.2 million square miles and a population of about 571 million in January 1973, it

has only about 643,000 miles of roads, one-third of which are surfaced and the remainder are earth. The inadequacy of roads in India is clearly borne out by the following comparison—whereas India has only 13 miles of road per 100 square miles of area, the United Kingdom has 86.9 miles, West Germany 94.4 miles, France 162.1 miles, and Japan 169.4 miles. The all-India average is 0.49 per square mile of area and 1.12 per 1,000 of population. Thus, by any standard, there is considerable latitude for increasing and upgrading the present road mileage. Among the more than one-half million villages, only one out of nine is served by an all-season road. In the past, attention has been focused primarily on intensity rail movement, but the transport problems of agriculture, rural development, consumer goods industries, and retail trade have been neglected.

The road network of India totals 619,025 miles, of which 106,854 miles are concrete and bituminous surfaced (mostly bituminous-surface treated); 53,031 miles are gravel, crushed stone, or laterite surfaced; 181,621 miles are improved earth; and 236,489 are unimproved earth. Administratively, the highways are classified as national highways (13,500 miles), state highways, major and minor district roads, and rural and village roads. The national highways constitute the principal routes and connect major cities, ports, and strategic areas. State highways are the main trunk roads within the various states; major and minor district roads connect areas of production and markets with either a principal highway or railroad and form the main links between neighboring districts; and rural and village roads connect villages and form the farm-to-market roadnet within districts. These latter roads are extremely inadequate for modern needs, even for this local type of use.

The national highway network is generally sparse and unevenly distributed. It is patterned on a system of national highways which, although constituting only 2.4% of the total road mileage, forms a well-balanced network of through routes. The highest road density is in the southern part of India, where roads extend across the peninsula and are linked by numerous north-south roads to form a well-developed regional network. The lowest density is in the northern part of the country, where the rugged Himalayan mountains have made road construction difficult and costly. The Gangetic Plain has a high density of roads, but in the northeast, the only principal road is the Assam Trunk Road (Figure 4), which services the states of Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland, and the union territories of Manipur and Tripura. In the west and northwestern areas, particularly the state of



FIGURE 4. Asian trunk road between Gauhati and Jorhat (C)

Rajasthan) the desert terrain has restricted the construction of good roads. The Indian highway density of about 0.10 miles of highway per square mile of area compares favorably with the ratios of 0.079 (in Burma, 0.083 in the People's Republic of China, and 0.111 in Pakistan) but is somewhat less than the ratio of 0.524 in Bangladesh. International road connections exist with Burma, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Borneo, and Sikkim.

The road network is characterized by a preponderance of unsurfaced roads which account for about two-thirds of the total mileage. The bituminous and bituminous-surfaced roads are generally constructed with a 1- to 3-inch treatment of bitumen over a crushed stone surface. Gravel, crushed stone, and latente surface are usually bound with either earth or clay or both for compaction. Most roads are poorly aligned and maintained, generally deeply rutted, and often little more than motorable tracks. Surface widths are usually 10 to 12 feet but range from 6 to 24 feet, with some as wide as 40 feet in urban areas. Most road bases are crushed stone or gravel, 6 to 8 inches thick. Shoulders are of crushed stone, gravel, or earth, although predominantly 2 to 6 feet wide; some are 12 feet or more in width. Shoulders are generally too narrow and uneven for safe use in avoiding opposing traffic, especially during the monsoon period (June to October) when they become soft. This combined with the narrow pavements represents a serious hazard because of the need to turn off frequently to avoid approaching vehicles. Sharp curves exist throughout the network and steep grades are common on mountainous roads.

Most bridges on the national highways are deck type concrete or masonry structures. Timber bridges predominate on minor district roads and rural and village roads. Steel truss or girder bridges are generally located at large river crossings (Figure 5). Many rivers

are dry most of the year and are spanned by low level bridges and causeways during the flood season many of these crossings are impassable. Horizontal clearance is about 12 feet for single lane structures, with an additional 10 feet for each added lane. Most bridges have unlimited vertical clearance, but some have 6- to 10-foot clearances. Many of the bridges are old and in poor condition. Because of insufficient steel, reinforced concrete, and prestressed concrete are used in new bridge construction throughout the system. There are 14 tunnels ranging in length from 50 to 5120 feet, and 20 permanent ferry crossings on the principal highways. During the rainy season, however, temporary ferries are used at many points where bridges and ferries become impassable.

Highway construction and maintenance generally are the joint responsibility of the central state and local authorities. Constitutional responsibility is vested in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport which through its Floods Wing is primarily responsible for the development, control, and project priority assignments, coordination, and control of standards and specifications, administration of the Central Road Fund, and the general administration and inspection of construction and maintenance of the national highway system throughout the country. For all roads in union territories and selected roads in strategic areas financed by the central government, actual work, however, is executed by the Public Works Departments of the various states and union territories. The responsibility for the construction and maintenance of state highways, district roads, and rural and village roads rests with the respective states and local authorities. In 1960 a Border Roads Development Board was established to carry out a program involving the construction of 1,600 miles of new roads and the improvement of 2,900 miles of existing roads in strategic border areas. The actual



FIGURE 5. Rail-highway bridge over the Brahmaputra at Gauhati (C)

work in these forward areas is entrusted to the General Reserve Engineer Force, with the resulting maintenance becoming the responsibility of the Public Works Departments of the states and union territories in which they are located. Progress to date includes construction of 1,400 miles of new roads, improvements to 620 miles of existing roads, and surfacing of 4,070 miles of roads. In addition, 1,760 feet of new bridging and 11,800 feet of permanent bridging replacing old temporary bridging have been completed.

Principal construction and maintenance problems are those imposed by adverse climate and topography. Large mountainous areas, swamps, and deserts are unsuitable for road construction. During the southwest monsoon season (June through September), construction and maintenance are temporarily halted in many areas. Other problems are insufficient funds, limited quantities of construction equipment and materials from local sources, and an insufficient number of skilled and technical personnel. The use of mechanized road-building equipment is steadily increasing, especially on the national highway system and some principal state arteries, however, most construction and maintenance are still performed by antiquated hand methods. Availability of gravel, crushed stone, sand, and timber varies from area to area. Adequate supplies of cement are produced within the country. Most bituminous material and steel are imported, but

efforts to provide domestic production are making some headway in reducing the import requirements. Construction equipment such as bulldozers, graders, mixers, and similar items is being produced in increasing quantities by some 135 companies, but the import of these items is still required.

The development and rehabilitation of the Indian road network have been carried out through a system of three 3-year plans (FY1951-52-FY1963-66) and three annual plans (FY1966-67 through FY1968-69). The current Fourth Five-Year Plan (FY1969-70-1973-74) provides for a 37% increase in public funds for transport and introduces important changes in emphasis. The plan calls for the construction of new road links (310 miles), widening of roads to two lanes (1,000 miles), strengthening of existing pavements (3,000 miles), and the improvement of low-grade sections (373 miles) for a total of 7,714 miles. It also includes construction of 73 major bridges, reconstruction of 50 major bridges that are in a weakened condition, and the reconstruction of many minor bridges and culverts. The aims of the plan reflect a continuation of the government's 20-Year Road Development Plan (1961-80), which called for at least one-lane bituminous or bituminous-surface treatment for all national and state highways, the widening to 20 feet of all main roads near cities and towns, and the replacement of all temporary bridges with permanent-type structures.

During the 5-year period FY1966/67-FY1971/72, estimated expenditures on the national highway system were the equivalent of about US\$143.36 million. Actual achievements included the construction of 171 miles of missing road links and bypasses, 41 major bridges, and the improvement of 3,567 miles of roads. During FY1970/71, the pattern of central government assistance to State Roads of interstate or economic importance was changed from grant-in-aid to 100% loan assistance, applicable to both continuing and new projects. Inadequate and uncertain allocations are the main obstacles to the development of the highway system. Progress in the central government's road program has been markedly slow thus far with only 29% of total allocations being committed, resulting in only minor additions to the highway system. Overall indications are that whenever there is a need to reduce governmental expenditures, both highway development and maintenance have perennially been the first casualty, even under the most trying transport situations.

Highway movement is hampered by the climate and by the numerous physical bottlenecks existing throughout the network. During the rainy season, vast areas are flooded by torrential rains, especially in northeast India. Numerous low-level bridges and causeways become impassable, unpaved roads become quagmires, and major bridges are often destroyed. During the dry season, unpaved roads and the shoulders of paved roads become extremely dusty, reducing visibility and hindering traffic movement. Narrow low-capacity bridges, sharp curves, and numerous grade crossings exist throughout the network. The streets in cities, towns, and villages, and the roads leading into them are a teeming mass of pedestrians, beasts of burden, bullock carts, camel carts, and pushcarts. The most critical factor, however, is the narrow 10- to 12-foot surface widths that are characteristic of most Indian roads. In mountainous areas, traffic is interrupted by land and snow slides, blockages by both snow and rock slides, deep drifting of snow, and the constant movements of geologically unstable terrain.

Administrative control of interstate highway transport is vested in the Transport Division of the Transport Wing of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport. The responsibilities of the Transport Division include the regulation of road transport throughout the country in all matters relating to registration of motor vehicles; licensing of vehicles and drivers; insurance of motor vehicles; organization of road transport on national lines; uniformity and simplicity in motor vehicle taxation; rail and road

coordination; highway safety measures; regulation of imports and exports of motor vehicles and spare parts; and the administration of the Roads Transport Corporations Act of 1950. In addition, the Interstate Transport Commission, appointed under the Motor Vehicles Act of 1939, is responsible for the development, coordination, and regulation of motor vehicles involved in interstate operations. State and union territory governments have created State Boards of Transport to consider all general policy matters regarding motor transport and to ensure the maximum coordination of all forms of inland transport to avoid wasteful competition. Each state government has also created the office of State Transport Commissioner which acts as the chief transport administrative office in the state. A State Transport Authority has also been set up under the Motor Vehicles Act, as the ultimate controller of motor vehicle operation and licensing. The policy of nationalization of motor transport, at least in the field of passenger services, has been accepted and state-operated services exist primarily on national and state highways and on some major district roads, but overall services are inadequate. Buses and facilities are generally overcrowded and poorly equipped and maintained. Despite the efforts of all transport agencies, no common national approach to highway transport matters appears to be existent or operative. Diverse regulations, varying taxation, uncoordinated issuance of permits and licenses, and obstacles, discrimination, and constraints continue in highway operations.

Although freight-hauling services continue to be provided by private carriers, there is a reluctance on the part of private carriers to expand their facilities and operations because of burdensome taxation, maladministration in the issuance of interstate permits, discriminations, and the continued threat of nationalization. The number of publicly owned commercial vehicles engaged in the carrying of freight is negligible—currently estimated at 2,286 vehicles. Of the 33 nationalized state transport enterprises in the public sector, 15 are operated on a departmental basis, 14 by corporations, and six by municipal bodies. Over one-third of the buses in the country are operated by these agencies, and it is estimated that by the end of the current 5-year plan the figure will increase to 40%. It is the policy of the government to nationalize gradually all passenger bus service in the country. The central government has entered the goods transport industry by organizing the Central Road Transport Corporation, which is responsible for the northeast area of the country; however, freight-hauling services continue to be provided there mainly by private

carriers. The government, as a matter of policy, encourages the formation of transport cooperatives; progress, however, in this area has been minimal.

Total traffic carried by highway transport during FY1970/71 amounted to about 27,416 million short ton-miles of cargo and 6,894 million passenger-miles. By the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan on 31 March 1974, freight traffic is expected to increase to 57,574 million short ton-miles and passenger traffic to 86,992 million passenger-miles. Commercial-type vehicles are expected to increase from the 1972 total of 481,812 to about 500,000 in 1973, and buses are expected to increase from 86,590 in 1972 to over 110,000 by the end of the plan. During the past few years, the percentage of both cargo and passenger traffic has increased on both rail and highway, with that of highway being proportionately higher. It is estimated that about 30% to 50% of the total road traffic is carried on the national highways, which represent roughly 5% of the total surfaced road mileage in the country. Freight handled via highways consisted mainly of foodstuffs, textiles, machinery, iron, steel, and building materials; a small percentage, primarily manufactured goods, is hauled long distances. The shift from rail to road transport has been primarily in high-value commodities and perishables. Cargo transport, as distinguished from passenger transport, has remained almost entirely in the private sector and continues to be more or less unorganized. Growth of long-distance bus travel is still inhibited by poor roads, restrictive licensing policies, and various administrative constraints, but the sharp upward trend in bus travel can be expected to continue as existing obstacles are gradually eliminated. Nonmotorized transport continues to play a vital role in rural areas where it is often the only mode of transportation. It is estimated that there are 10 million bullock carts in India; they, in addition to horses, camels, elephants, etc., account for about 70% of the total volume of freight tonnage, roughly 100 million tons, moved by all road transport media.

In January 1972, India had about 1,128,387 motor vehicles, including 559,985 passenger cars, jeeps, and taxicabs; 86,590 buses; and 481,812 trucks and special-purpose vehicles. The demand for motor vehicles is being met almost entirely by the country's eight vehicle assembly plants which are licensed to produce foreign and domestic vehicles. About 26% of the component parts for these vehicles are imported, and the remainder are produced at some 200 domestic automobile-parts plants. Trucks cannot be imported into India. India's automobile industry has a rated

annual capacity for 30,000 passenger cars, 12,000 jeeps, and 48,000 commercial vehicles.

### E. Inland waterways (C)

India has about 8,750 miles of navigable inland waterways with seasonal depths of 3 feet or more. Although railroads are India's principal means of national transport, waterways have considerable importance to local and regional commerce for hauling of bulk agricultural commodities. Principal cargoes include raw agricultural products, fertilizers, textiles, bamboo, jute, and hides. The modern segment of the waterway fleet accounts for only a minor percentage of the country's reported national freight tonnage; small primitive craft whose performance goes unrecorded probably account for several times the reported inland waterborne tonnage.

The principal arteries of waterway transport are the Hooghly, Bhagirathi, Ganges, and Brahmaputra rivers in northeast India; the canals of the Godavari and Krishna rivers, together with the Buckingham Canal along the southeast coast; and the West Coast Canal and its affluents along the southwest coast. The three principal rivers in peninsular India, the Mahanadi, Godavari, and Krishna, support only limited navigation in their lower reaches.

The Hooghly-Bhagirathi-Ganges river system in northeastern India provides an important connection between the Bay of Bengal and the populous Gangetic Plain. The Hooghly is perennially navigable by oceangoing vessels for 80 miles to Calcutta. During the 4- to 6-week peak of the high-water season (June through October), 6-foot-draft steamers can navigate from Calcutta, on the Hooghly, to Patna, on the Ganges—a distance of 489 miles. During the same period, vessels of 4-foot draft can navigate 100 miles beyond Patna and vessels with a maximum draft of 3 feet can ply 345 miles upstream from Patna. During the dry season (November through May) through navigation is interrupted, as the water level of the Bhagirathi, which links the Hooghly with the Ganges, is too shallow for most steamers. A total of 13 bridges span the navigable reaches of these rivers—three on the Hooghly, one on the Bhagirathi, and nine on the Ganges. The Farakka Barrage, located on the Ganges about midway between Calcutta and Patna, has a navigation lock 490 feet long and 65 feet wide. The recently completed barrage is primarily intended to improve navigation on the Hooghly and Bhagirathi and to provide a bridge for rail and highway traffic. A feeder canal from the barrage makes the Bhagirathi perennially navigable. Organized steamer services

transport about 1.2 million tons of cargo on the Hooghly and 300,000 tons on the Ganges annually. About 450,000 tons of cargo are moved on the Bhagirathi during the 6-week period that it is navigable by steamers. There are numerous inland waterway wharves at Calcutta, but elsewhere along the route ports are poorly equipped and in general lack alongside berthing, except of the port of Haldia, located 58 miles downstream from Calcutta, which should be completely operational by mid-1973.

The Brahmaputra, an important year-round waterway, flows from China through the center of the Assam region of northeast India into the Ganges in Bangladesh. The 250-mile section of the river flowing through Bangladesh is navigable by vessels of 6-foot draft. The Brahmaputra is navigable by vessels of about 5-foot draft from the India-Bangladesh border to Disangmukh, a distance of about 340 miles. Above this point, navigation is restricted to shallow-draft native craft. At least 800,000 tons of cargo are transported annually on the Brahmaputra by organized carriers. A combination highway and railroad bridge at Pandu, near Gauhati, is the only one spanning the river. Ports along this waterway are generally small steamer landings with limited facilities.

Sections of the Godavari, Krishna, and Buckingham Canal systems combine to make up a continuous 450-mile route along the southeastern coast of India between Kakinada and the route's southern terminus 58 miles south of Madras. The canals of the Godavari and Krishna rivers and the northern part of the Buckingham Canal can accommodate craft with up to 3-foot draft; craft drawing 2 feet navigate the 58-mile-long southern section of the Buckingham Canal south of Madras. Approximately 105 bridges span the canals and there are 155 locks; the controlling lock chamber is 105 feet long and 15 feet wide. Lock gates are primarily manually operated by resident lock keepers. The canals fed by the Godavari and Krishna rivers are generally closed to navigation from March through May, when the already reduced dry-season flows of the Godavari and Krishna rivers are diverted for irrigation purposes. Local movement of agricultural products, firewood, lime, salt, and some iron ore accounts for most of the canal traffic. Most of the traffic on the Buckingham Canal, which handles an estimated 300,000 tons of cargo annually, is destined for the port of Madras. Navigation of the Godavari and Krishna rivers is restricted along sections of their lower reaches. Ports are widely distributed throughout the systems, but they are small and inadequately equipped for efficient cargo handling.

The West Coast Canal, a series of canals, canalized coastal streams, lagoons, and lakes, extends 280 miles along the southwest coast from Trivandrum, north-northwest to a terminus near Mahe. Through navigation is limited to small local craft of 2-foot draft; however, some sections can be used by deeper draft vessels of up to 180-ton capacity. Thirty-one miles north of Trivandrum the canal passes through two tunnels that are masonry lined and have horizontal and vertical clearances of 14 feet and 12 feet, respectively. Near the northern end of the canal are four locks with limiting dimensions of 50 feet in length and 12.5 feet in width. There are 53 bridges spanning the canal. An estimated 4 million tons of cargo are transported annually on the West Coast Canal—mainly agricultural and forestry products. Heaviest traffic is on the 80-mile stretch between the ports of Quilon and Cochin, where regular transport service with vessels of 20- to 40-ton capacity is available.

Serious navigation difficulties have developed on the waterways because of excessive sedimentation, shifting channels, and diversion of river water for irrigation. Shoaling on the Hooghly north of Calcutta and on the Brahmaputra occasionally requires offloading to avoid grounding. During the southwest monsoon season (June through September) widespread flooding causes recurrent destruction of waterway facilities and disruption of all surface transportation; during the winter season (December through February) diminishing water levels limit the size of craft operating on the waterways.

The inland waterway fleet of India includes vessels ranging in size from small native craft of less than 1-ton capacity to large paddle wheel river steamers of more than 1,000-ton capacity. However, the fleet consists largely of various types of small native "country boats" numbering in the thousands (Figure 6). These boats range up to 70 feet in length and 20 tons capacity, have wooden hulls, and are propelled by oars, sails, or poles. Powered craft include steamers, tugs, launches, and barges. A typical stern-wheel paddle steamer has a length of 239 feet, a beam of about 40 feet, a draft of about 5 feet, and a maximum carrying capacity of 400 tons. Most of the larger powered craft are found on the waterways of northeastern India. In the early 1960's about 860 vessels (steamers, tug launches, and barges) were operated on the Hooghly, Ganges, and Brahmaputra, but termination of Indian transport operations on Pakistani waterways has caused the collapse of a number of transport companies operating between Calcutta and northeast India. As a result, many of the





FIGURE 6. "Country boat" traffic on the Ganges (U/OU)

powered craft that formerly operated over this route have been allowed to deteriorate.

Inland waterway transport is under the control of the Ministry of Transport and Shipping. The ministry exercises control over the operation of powered vessels, but no effective control is exercised over the thousands of native craft which navigate the Indian waterways. Agencies operating under the ministry include the Ganges-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board, which is concerned with the development of navigational aids and port facilities on the Ganges and Brahmaputra systems, and the Inland Water Transport Committee, which directs inland waterway research and planning. Inland waterway transportation is not a high-priority item in the Indian budget. The first three 5-year plans (1 April 1951-31 March 1966) provided relatively small amounts of money for inland waterway improvements and development. The current 5-year plan (FY1969/70-1973/74) includes allocations for dredging the Buckingham Canal and for the improvement of port facilities at Jogighopa and the planning of a new inland waterway port at Pandu, both on the Brahmaputra.

#### F. Pipelines (S)

India has 2,161 miles of principal pipelines; an additional 2,590 miles are planned. Of the existing lines, 881 miles are used to transport crude oil from the fields in the states of Assam and Gujarat directly to the refineries, 1,151 miles are for refined products, and 129 miles are for natural gas (Figure 7). The pipelines planned will be used to transport refined products to distribution centers; one planned line will have a crude oil refined product reverse-flow capability.

The refineries at Baruni and Gauhati are the focal points for the largest portion of the pipelines. Refined products lines extend from Baruni to Kanpur and to Calcutta. Baruni is also the terminal point for the 720-mile-long pipeline that carries crude oil from the Digboi, Nahorkatiya, and Moran fields. This pipeline, which has a control center at Gauhati, is one of the longest in the eastern hemisphere and one of the most technically advanced in the world. A refined products line parallels the crude line from Gauhati to Siliguri, where the meter-gage rail line serving Assam connects with the broad-gage system.

In the western part of the country, the focal point of the pipelines is the Koyali refinery at Vadodara (formerly Baroda), which is supplied by two crude oil lines—one from the Kalol field and the other from the Ankleshwar field. A refined product line extends from the Koyali refinery to Ahmadabad, a junction of the broad- and meter-gage railroad systems. Other pipelines in the area, all for natural gas, are from Ankleshwar field to Vadodara and the Utran powerplant, Khambat (formerly Cambay) to the Dhuwaran powerplant, and Kalol to the Ahmadabad powerplant.

The government's goal is to develop the public sector in all phases of the petroleum industry and to restrict the expansion of those activities in which the government does not have at least part ownership. With the exception of the Nahorkatiya-Gauhati-Baruni line and short lines from Digboi to Tinsukia, the existing pipelines are government owned. The ownership for the planned lines has not been determined, but it is likely that the government will have a large share in them.

FIGURE 7. Principal and planned pipelines (S)

TERMINALS		DIAMETER	LENGTH	REMARKS
From	To			
		<i>Inches</i>	<i>Miles</i>	
<b>Crude oil:</b>				
Nahorkatiya.....	Gauhati.....	16	260	Automatically and remotely controlled; main center at Gauhati.
Gauhati.....	Baruni.....	14	460	<i>Do.</i>
Ankleshwar.....	Vadodara (Baroda).....	16	61	
Kalol.....	<i>do</i> .....	<i>na</i>	70	
Digboi.....	Nahorkatiya.....	<i>na</i>	30	
Gulf of Kutch.....	Mathura.....	24	750	Planned crude oil line will extend from offshore terminal in Gulf of Kutch to planned refinery at Mathura and will have a 100-mile branch line to refinery at Koyali.
<b>Crude oil or product:</b>				
Baruni.....	Kanpur.....	12	423	Handles refined products.
<i>Do</i> .....	Calcutta (Haldia).....	12	323	The line, which can handle refined or crude oil, has a reverse-flow capability for carrying crude to the Baruni refinery.
Gauhati.....	Siliguri.....	8	270	Handles refined products. Siliguri is the junction of the broad- and meter-gage railroad systems.
Vadodara.....	Ahmadabad.....	8	53	Ahmadabad is the junction of the broad- and meter-gage railroad systems.
Digboi.....	Tinsukia.....	4	21	2 parallel 4-inch refined product lines to storage area.
<i>Do</i> .....	<i>do</i> .....	6	21	Refined product line parallels Digboi to Tinsukia lines. Tinsukia is storage area for the Digboi refinery.
Baradahar.....	Mauriaram.....	<i>na</i>	40	Refined product line.
Kanpur.....	Delhi.....	<i>na</i>	240	Planned refined product line.
Cochin.....	Madras.....	<i>na</i>	380	Planned refined product line will go through Coimbatore and Bangalore.
Bombay.....	Bhusaval.....	<i>na</i>	300	Planned crude and refined product pipeline will have a reverse-flow capability.
<i>Do</i> .....	Pune (Poona).....	<i>na</i>	120	Planned refined product line.
Pune.....	Hyderabad.....	<i>na</i>	300	<i>Do.</i>
<b>Natural gas:</b>				
Ankleshwar.....	Baroda.....	14	61	
<i>Do</i> .....	Utran powerplant.....	16	26	
Cambay.....	Dhuwaran powerplant.....	14	16	
Kalol.....	Ahmadabad powerplant.....	<i>na</i>	15	
Nahorkatiya.....	Namrup.....	14	11	
Jaisalmer.....	Delhi.....	<i>na</i>	400	Planned natural gas line.

*na* Data not available.

**G. Ports (S)**

India has a long, low-lying, very regular coastline that affords only a few deep, well-sheltered natural harbors. The seven major ports are fairly evenly spaced along the coasts, but most of the 75 minor ports are located along the west coast. Bombay, on the west coast, and Calcutta, in the northeast, are the two largest ports; Cochin, Kandla, Madras, Marmagao (formerly Mormugao), and Vishakhapatnam are also

of major importance. Indian ports are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport and Shipping. The central government administers the major ports through the National Shipping Board; the states administer the minor ports. Details of the major ports are given in Figure 8).

In India the most important international connections are by sea, and the greatest volume of traffic moves through the seaports. The port system was long considered adequate for normal traffic, and

FIGURE 8. Major ports (C)

NAME, LOCATION, ESTIMATED MILITARY FORT CAPACITY*	ACTIVITIES	HARBOR	BERTHS
Bombay..... 18°56'N., 72°50'E.; on the Arabian Sea coast. 65,000 long tons	Largest and most important port in India. Principal receipts—chemicals, food grains, bulk petroleum, iron and steel, machinery, cotton, and building materials. Shipments—ores, petroleum products, cotton products, and rice. Several important shipyards, including 1 with a drydock which has a floor length of 1,000 ft.; shipyard engaged primarily in repair activities. Principal logistic support and operating base of the Indian Navy and headquarters for Flag Officer Commanding, Indian Fleet, and the Flag Officer, Bombay. Components include landing, shipyard, ordnance, supply, communications, training, and medical facilities.	Improved natural coastal harbor consisting of 2 divisions: Tidal Harbor, the larger of the 2, comprises a water area of approximately 95 sq. miles with central depths ranging up to 70 ft.; Controlled-Level Basins, the other division, is subdivided into 4 basins, general depths 21, 22, 24, and 33 ft. at MHWN. Bombay harbor has natural protection except from SW.	Alongside—For numerous large and standard ocean-type cargo vessels and several small coasters, 2 ocean-type tankers, numerous lighters, and several submarines, minesweepers, and patrol craft. Free-swinging mooring—3 berths for small ocean-type cargo and naval vessels. Anchorage—For numerous standard ocean-type cargo vessels.
Calcutta..... 22°32'N., 88°19'E.; on the Hooghly River, 80 miles upstream from the Bay of Bengal. 30,000 long tons	Chief port on east coast of India and the major outlet for the world's largest jute-processing center. Principal receipts—grain, petroleum, iron and steel, machinery, salt, and railroad equipment. Shipments—gunny, coal, ores, and tea. Numerous shipyards with extensive repair facilities but only limited building capacities. Site of minor naval activity.	Harbor comprises 3 sections: 6-mile stretch of Hooghly River and 2 wet docks, both at Calcutta; and a 1-mile stretch of the river at Budge Budge, 8 miles downstream. Harbor depths are 30-35 ft. at Budge Budge, 20-42 ft. in the river at Calcutta, and 30 ft. in the wet docks. The entrance lock at King George's Dock has a depth of 20 ft. (33 ft. at MHWN) over the sill; the lock at Kidder docks has a depth of 18 ft. (31 ft. at MHWN) over the sill.	Alongside—For a large number of standard and small ocean-type and coaster-type cargo vessels and lighters, a few small tankers, and a small naval vessel. Fixed-mooring—For about 40 standard and small ocean-type cargo vessels. Anchorage—None.
Cochin..... 9°58'N., 76°15'E.; on the Arabian Sea coast at mouth of Cochin River. 8,800 long tons	Second-ranking port on W. coast, and fourth most important port in India. Principal receipts—petroleum products, coal, and food grains. Shipments—mineral sands and ores, coir (coconut fiber) products, cashew nuts, and tea. One medium and several small shipyards; largest drydock is 230 ft. long. Principal shore training base of Indian Navy. Naval components include training center, landing, shipyard, ordnance, supply, communications, medical, and naval air facility.	Natural, almost completely landlocked harbor comprising several channels and/or areas. Alongside depths at the principal wharves range from 4 to 30 ft.	Alongside—For several large and a few standard and small ocean-type cargo vessels, several medium-sized tankers, lighters, and a few small naval vessels. Fixed mooring—For several standard and 1 small ocean-type cargo vessels. Free swinging—One large ocean-type cargo vessel. Anchorage—None.

<p>Kandla.....                  23°02'N., 70°13'E.; on Kandla Creek.                  6,900 long tons</p>	<p>Natural river harbor; general depths 20-60 ft.; well sheltered.</p> <p>Alongside—Several large and 2 small ocean-type vessels, 1 standard coaster-type vessel, and 14 lighters.                  Free-swinging mooring—For 1 standard and 2 small ocean-type vessels.                  Anchorage—Several ocean-type and numerous coaster-type vessels.</p>
<p>Madras.....                  13°06'N., 80°18'E.; on SE coast of India.                  15,700 long tons</p>	<p>Artificial harbor protected by 2 breakwaters and groin; water area totals about 1/2 sq. mile. Depths alongside main wharves maintained at 31 ft. by dredging.</p> <p>Alongside—For about 12 large and 7 standard and small ocean-type cargo vessels, 1 coaster, and 5 lighters.                  Fixed mooring—For one large ocean-type cargo vessel.                  Anchorage—None.</p>
<p>Marmagao (Mormugao).....                  15°24'N., 73°48'E.; on W coast in the former Portuguese enclave of Goa.                  4,400 long tons</p>	<p>Improved natural harbor, comprising 2 sections: outer harbor in the bay and a breakwater-protected basin inner harbor.</p> <p>Alongside—For several standard and small ocean- and coaster-type cargo vessels and lighters.                  Anchorage—For large numbers of coaster-type vessels.</p>
<p>Vishakhapatnam.....                  17°41'N., 83°17'E.; on the Bay of Bengal.                  13,000 long tons</p>	<p>Improved natural harbor, almost completely landlocked. Harbor is divided into an entrance channel and a turning basin with 4 arms. Harbor depths range from 9 to 35 ft.</p> <p>Alongside—For several large, standard, and small ocean-type cargo vessels, several coasters, and several ocean-type tankers and naval vessels.</p>

\*The estimated military port capacity is the maximum amount of general cargo—expressed in long tons—that can be unloaded onto the wharves and cleared from the wharf aprons during a period of one 24-hour day (20 effective cargo-working hours). The estimate is based on the static cargo-transfer facilities of the port existing at the time the estimate is prepared and is designed for comparison rather than for operational purposes; it cannot be projected beyond a single day by straight multiplication.

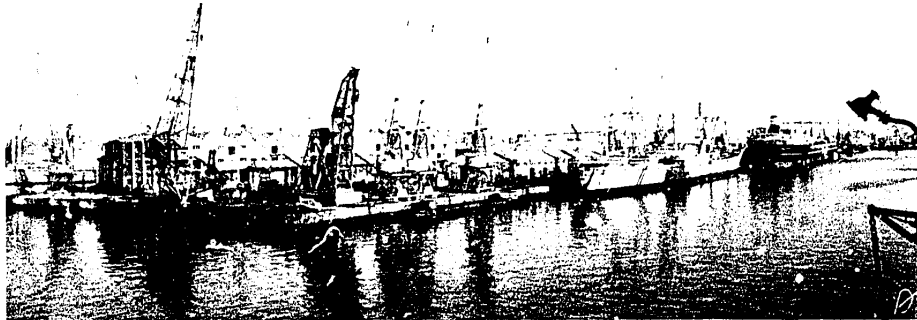


FIGURE 9. Alexandria Dock at Bombay (S)

the occasional problems of congestion were attributed primarily to the lack of good road and rail clearance. In recent years, foreign trade has increased rapidly, mainly because of large-scale imports of grain, and traffic congestion has developed. However, the problem today is caused mainly by inadequate port facilities than by clearance facilities. Fifty-six million tons of cargo were handled during FY1970/71 (April-March); it is anticipated that this total will increase by 30 million tons by 1974. Port operations, particularly at the minor ports, are also affected by the monsoons on the west coast, mainly by the southwest monsoon, and on the east coast by both the southwest and northeast monsoons (June through September and December through February or March). Operations are also hampered by shortages of both covered and open storage space, heavy-lift cranes, and by the lack of proper maintenance and repair of port equipment.

Several projects to enlarge or improve the port system have been completed and others are either planned or underway. The ports of Bombay (Figure 9), Madras, Vishakhapatnam (Figure 10), and Cochin are undergoing extensive enlargement or improvement projects. Bombay, the largest port, is undergoing continuous expansion. The recent completion of two berths at Vishakhapatnam, with an estimated total length of 1,200 feet and crane tracks along the apron, will enhance the port's activities. A breakwater foundation was laid in the outer harbor and is scheduled for completion in early 1974; the breakwater will accommodate along its inner side vessels of 100,000 deadweight tons (d.w.t.) and over. At Madras, construction is soon to be completed on the petroleum dock and the mechanized ore-loading berth. A major shipyard expansion program is underway at Cochin, and when completed in late



FIGURE 10. Main wharf at Vishakhapatnam (S)

1075, the yard will have the capability to build ships up to 85,000 d.w.t., with repair facilities for ships of up to 100,000 d.w.t. India's petroleum facility is already in operation, and the construction of five additional dry-cargo berthing facilities are nearing completion. These facilities are to consist of an trays ore berth with a loading rate of 6,000 tons per hour; a coal berth capable of loading conventional vessels up to 60,000 d.w.t.; a fertilizer berth capable of unloading up to 8,000 tons per hour; and two general-cargo berths—one for conventional cargo and the other for container traffic. In addition, construction work is being continued at the new deepwater ports of Mangalore and Tuticorin.

## II. Merchant marine (C)

Merchant shipping plays a prominent role in the economy of this trade-dependent nation. Although rich in natural resources, India depends heavily upon the import of manufactured and processed goods and some basic foodgrains. Despite substantial growth during the last 5 years, its merchant fleet capacity has not kept pace with the country's rapidly increasing volume of foreign trade. Of the nation's international seaborne trade, totaling about 53 million metric tons in 1970, only about 21% was carried aboard Indian-flag ships.

In April 1972 the Indian merchant fleet consisted of 251 ships of 1,000 gross register tons (g.r.t.) and over, totaling 2,562,473 g.r.t. or 3,020,370 deadweight tons (d.w.t.), as follows:

	No. of ships	G.R.T.	D.W.T.
Dry cargo	182	1,313,087	1,976,687
Bulk cargo	35	679,237	1,129,508
Tanker	12	280,203	493,786
Combination tanker/ore carrier	7	272,051	340,851
Combination passenger/cargo	11	45,205	41,008
Passenger	3	25,039	23,167
Special carrier	1	10,880	17,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>2,562,473</b>	<b>3,020,370</b>

Among the merchant fleets of Asia, the Indian fleet is second only to that of Japan in size and modernity. Eighty-seven of the ships (about 34% of the total deadweight tonnage) are less than 10 years old; 124 ships (48% of the tonnage) are 10 to 20 years old, and only 40 ships (16% of the tonnage) are over 20 years old. There are 70 ships that are under 10,000 d.w.t., 131 ships between 10,000 and 19,999 d.w.t., 38 ships between 20,000 and 39,999 d.w.t., and 5 ships over 40,000 d.w.t. The largest ship in the fleet is a 94,200-d.w.t. tanker. Six ships (five dry cargo, one

combination passenger-cargo) have service speeds of 18 knots, 132 have speeds of 14.1 to 17.9 knots, 112 have speeds of 10 to 13 knots, and one (a dry-cargo ship) has a speed under 10 knots. Powerplants of 190 ships are diesel, 48 have oil-fired boilers, and four have coal-fired boilers.

Fleet ownership is divided among 29 government and private domestic beneficial owners (entities that assume profit or loss from operations). The government is the largest owner with 102 ships totaling 1,813,945 d.w.t., and these are operated principally by the Shipping Corporation of India, Ltd. (SCI). Six private companies, each owning more than 100,000 d.w.t., control 40% of the total fleet deadweight tonnage as follows:

COMPANY	No. of ships	D.W.T.
Schedia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	45	642,881
Great Eastern Shipping Co., Ltd.	16	300,282
South India Shipping Corp., Ltd.	5	215,780
India Steamship Co., Ltd.	17	199,182
Dempe Steamships, Ltd.	5	123,475
Rainaker Shipping Co., Ltd.	5	104,119

More than 90% of the total fleet deadweight tonnage is employed in scheduled (liner) and non-scheduled (tramp) trade. Liner services are maintained between India and the United Kingdom, Europe (North, Baltic, Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Black Seas), the United States, Canada, South America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Malaysia, and other southeast Asian countries. Passenger and combination passenger-cargo ships carry passengers between India and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the east coast of Africa and also carry Muslims to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia during the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

With a mainland coastline of 3,600 statute miles, coastal shipping is essential to the nation's economy and serves as a supplement to the railroads and highways. In January 1972, 69 ships of 1,000 g.r.t. and over, totaling 318,449 d.w.t., were engaged in coastal shipping. In 1970, domestic coastal vessels carried all of the country's waterborne bulk and dry cargoes, totaling 1.3 million tons, but only about 600,000 tons of about 3.5 million tons of petroleum cargoes.

Principal exports carried by the fleet are jute products, tea, iron ore, and cotton textiles; principal imports carried are electrical machinery, transport equipment, chemical fertilizers, iron and steel products, foodgrains, petroleum and related products, and raw cotton.

The government supports an extensive fleet expansion program. The current 5-year plan calls for a

fleet tonnage goal of 4 million g.r.t. and about 6.4 million d.w.t. As of February 1972, 59 ships (about 1.9 million d.w.t.) for Indian registry were on order for construction by foreign and domestic shipyards, deliveries scheduled between 1972 and 1976. Forty-two ships totaling about 1.7 million d.w.t. are being built in foreign shipyards as follows:

COUNTRY	NO. OF SHIPS AND TYPE	TOTAL D.W.T.
West Germany	3 dry cargo	44,850
	1 bulk cargo	108,000
Japan	2 bulk cargo	251,960
Netherlands	1 bulk cargo	66,300
Spain	1 container	16,880
Sweden	1 ore/oil carrier	100,600
United Kingdom	4 bulk cargo	289,200
East Germany	8 dry cargo	106,000
Romania	10 bulk cargo	150,000
U.S.S.R.	4 dry cargo	66,400
	3 tanker	48,900
Yugoslavia	2 tanker	230,000
	2 ore/oil tanker	216,000

The remaining 17 ships under construction in domestic shipyards are as follows:

SHIPYARD	NO. OF SHIPS AND TYPE	TOTAL D.W.T.
Cochin	1 bulk cargo	27,000
Hindustan	7 dry cargo	72,731
	7 bulk cargo	150,150
Mazagon Dock	2 passenger	19,000

About 86% (215 ships) of the merchant fleet is foreign built; only 36 ships (33 dry cargo, three combination passenger cargo), were built in domestic yards. The necessity of buying most of the ships from foreign shipyards involves a substantial expenditure of foreign exchange. To partially offset this foreign exchange drain, facilities at the Hindustan Shipyard, Vishakhapatnam, are being expanded to increase annual construction from three to six ships, each of about 12,000 d.w.t. In addition, a new shipyard at Cochin, being built in collaboration with Japanese interests, will begin construction in the latter part of 1973 of one of two 66,000-d.w.t. bulk carriers to be built annually.

In addition to ships of 1,000 g.r.t. and over, there are about 130 Indian merchant ships in the category of vessels between 100 to 999 g.r.t. They total about 50,000 g.r.t. and are utilized primarily in coastal and nearseas trade. The fishing fleet consists of about 86,000 small craft and operates in nearby coastal waters. Of this fleet, about 2,500 vessels are motorized.

Maritime policy and legislation are administered by the Ministry of Transport and Shipping, through the Director General of Shipping. India is a member of the

Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) and a party to the Safety of Life at Sea, 1960; Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1960; and Load Lines, 1966 conventions.

Major merchant marine policy has been predicated on the deficit in the balance of payments that has persisted in the Indian shipping account. The national objective is that at least 50% of the nation's total seaborne foreign trade be carried by Indian-flag vessels in order to reduce this deficit by lessening India's dependence on foreign shipping.

Although no direct operating subsidies are provided shipowners, the government, under the Development Rebate System, allows Indian shipping companies to deduct 40% of the cost of new ships and 20% for used ships from their annual taxable income. The government also grants a "tax holiday" concession, which exempts from income tax profits up to 6% per annum on capital involved in the operation of new vessels, and extends loans at reduced rates from the Shipping Development Fund for the acquisition of new and used ships from abroad.

Cargo preference is extended to Indian-flag ships and those countries which have entered into bilateral shipping agreements with India (U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Egypt, Hungary, Poland, Romania, West Germany, and Yugoslavia). Coastal shipping is generally reserved for domestic ships; foreign-flag ships operating in Indian coastal trade must be licensed by the Director General of Shipping.

In 1972 there were about 50,000 Indian seafaring personnel. The supply of trained seamen far exceeds the demand, both domestic and foreign; in January 1971, a total of 42,366 seamen were registered at the Seamen's Employment Offices in Bombay and Calcutta for 27,096 jobs aboard domestic- and foreign-flag ships. Compared to European standards, Indian maritime wages and compensation are low; however, certain fringe benefits complement the modest wage schedule. Four maritime unions (one officers, three seamen) are officially recognized by the government.

There are six merchant marine training schools (three each for officers and seamen). The Directorate of Marine Engineering Training provides pre-sea training for engineering officers and the Nautical and Engineering College offers post-sea training for navigation and engineering candidates preparing for various grades of examinations. Navigation officers receive instruction prior to sea duty aboard the training ship *Rajendra*. Seamen qualifying for deck and engineering billets receive pre-sea instruction aboard the three training ships, *Bhadra*, *Mekhala*, and *Naulakshi*.

## I. Civil air (C)

Since World War II, civil aviation in India has gradually expanded to provide service for the sprawling country and to attract badly needed foreign currency via the tourist route. The government well realizes the value of civil aviation, and since 1953 it has carefully controlled the development of Indian airlines. In that year the government nationalized the air transport industry and established two government-owned air corporations, assigning each to a separate area. Air India (AI) was designated the international flag carrier, and Indian Airlines Corporation (IAC) was assigned the scheduled regional and domestic route structure of India and nearby countries. In addition to this division of air services, the government set up Air-India Charters in September 1971. This airline, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, operates point-to-point charter services in an effort to promote tourist traffic to India. Aircraft are rented from the parent company when required.

Civil aviation in India is supervised and controlled by the Ministry for Tourism and Civil Aviation. The Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) within the ministry administers all civil aviation matters. This directorate is responsible for the operation of civil airfields; licensing of aircraft and air and groundcrews; conducting air and groundcrew training; and certification of registration and airworthiness for all aircraft based in India. It also operates and maintains navigational aids, enforces air regulations, and investigates accidents.

The government has entered into formal or informal bilateral air agreements or arrangements which permit the exchange of scheduled air services with 37 countries. Under the terms of these agreements or arrangements, 31 foreign air carriers, including Czechoslovakia and the U.S.S.R., serve India on scheduled international flights. These flights link India to 66 cities in 48 countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North America. India is a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization and is a party to most of the other major multilateral conventions governing international civil aviation. Both IA and IAC are members of the International Air Transport Association. Air India is also a member of the International Society of Aeronautical Telecommunications (SITA), and the Aero Club of India is a member of the International Aeronautical Federation (FAI).

Air India provides scheduled international services to 28 cities in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East,

North America, and Australia over a network of more than 86,000 unduplicated route miles. The company's airfleet consists of four Boeing 747 (Figure 11) and 10 Boeing 707 aircraft. Future plans consist of an option to purchase two Concorde supersonic transports. The carrier staff of over 9,000 employees includes about 210 pilots and about 1,400 skilled maintenance technicians.

IAC, the Indian regional and domestic carrier, operates an extensive passenger and freight network throughout the country and to Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma, and Sri Lanka. IAC also operates a night airmail service linking Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, and Madras. Its airfleet consists of seven Boeing 737 (Figure 12), 16 HS-748, 12 Fokker F-27, 7 BAC Viscount Series 700, and nine DC-3 aircraft. IAC has purchased seven additional HS-748's, which were scheduled for delivery in 1972, and has plans to purchase five more Boeing 737. IAC staff of over 14,000 persons includes about 425 pilots and 4,500 maintenance personnel. In addition to the government-owned carriers, six privately owned companies, which hold government permits, provide nonscheduled services. These nonscheduled operators are Air Survey Company of India, Ltd.; Airways (India), Ltd.; Bharat Commerce and Industries, Ltd.; Cambata Aviation Private, Ltd.; Jamair Co. Private, Ltd.; and Kasturi and Sons, Ltd. These nonscheduled airlines are quite small, averaging about two or three DC-3 aircraft each, and to insure they remain small, the government assigns them routes that will not interfere with or be competitive with IAC's scheduled services. Many of India's flying clubs also hold government permits to operate nonscheduled services, and several small private companies are engaged in charter and airwork services. The central government also operates 18 Curtiss C-46 (Commando) aircraft and the state governments operate a total of 18 to 20 Douglas DC-3 and C-46 aircraft.

Pilot training is conducted by the 25 government-subsidized aeroclubs operating under the direction of the Directorate for Civil Aviation. The goal of these clubs is to provide elementary flight training in light



FIGURE 11. Boeing 747 of Air India, popularly described as the "flying palace" (U/OU)



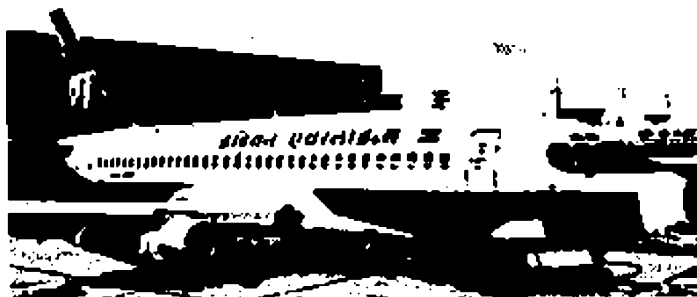


FIGURE 12. Boeing 737 used by the Indian Airlines Corporation for regional and domestic services (U-OU)

aircraft for pilots who may subsequently join the civil airlines of the military. There are also 13 government-subsidized gliding clubs scattered throughout the country. This represents a decrease of two from previous years as the clubs at Lucknow and Bangalore were closed for financial reasons. AI has a flight and ground training school at the Bombay's Santa Cruz airport, where training has been improved with the acquisition of a Boeing 717 flight simulator. IAC conducts pilot training at its facility in Hyderabad. In 1972 the airline purchased (financed by a U.K. development loan) a HS-718 and a Boeing 737 flight simulator in an effort to upgrade pilot training. The government operates a Civil Aviation Training Center at Allahabad, which is the primary source of technically trained personnel for the DGCA. The center offers various degrees of certification in aeronautical communications and airport operation and administration.

There are 65 Indian firms approved by the DGCA for performing aircraft maintenance in India. Among the most significant of these certified firms is AI's large maintenance base at Bombay, which performs all maintenance for its own aircraft and provides maintenance for other international carriers. IAC has maintenance bases strategically located at Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, and Hyderabad which can service and overhaul IAC aircraft. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) based in Bangalore and one of the most important aircraft manufacturing and repair firms in the country, is government owned and is managed by the Ministry of Defense. HAL is approved by the U.S. Federal Aviation Agency for repair and overhaul of DC-3 aircraft and its military version (C-17), and Pratt and Whitney aircraft engines. The company performs a considerable amount of maintenance and overhaul work for the non-scheduled airlines and repair work for the Indian Air Force.

### J. Airfields<sup>2</sup> (C)

The air facilities system of India (including the Laccadive, Nicobar, and Andaman Islands, and Jammu and Kashmir) consists of 320 airfields, 260 sites, and four seaplane stations. Of the airfields, 80 are military, 20 are joint military-civil, 86 are civil, and 138 are state-owned, private, or abandoned facilities that could be used in emergencies.

Most of the military and/or joint facilities are distributed across the northern part of the country near the border. The main clusters are in the states of Assam, West Bengal, and Bihar. The remaining air facilities are evenly distributed throughout the country. All major cities having adequate air facilities nearby.

The nation's international airfields and airports of entry are Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, and Madras. All have runways 10,000 feet or longer and facilities that can support sustained operations of aircraft as large as the Boeing C-135. Amritsar, although not an international airfield, serves as an alternate to Bombay. It has a 7,500-foot runway and is capable of receiving up through C-130-type aircraft. Trivandrum, with a 6,000-foot runway, serves as an airport of entry from Sri Lanka (Ceylon) only. Details of 31 of the most important airfields are given in Figure 13.

The four seaplane stations can receive amphibious-type aircraft, but three of the four have either limited facilities or no facilities for refueling or maintenance. The exception is Cochin Naval Air Station, adjacent to and part of Cochin Naval Air Station. It has squadron capabilities for small-type amphibious aircraft.

In general, airfield maintenance for military and government-owned facilities is good. Maintenance at the state and privately owned airfields is fair to poor.

<sup>2</sup>For detailed information on air facilities in India, including the Laccadive, Nicobar, and Andaman Islands, and the disputed area of Jammu and Kashmir, see Volume 23, AIRFIELDS AND SEAPLANE STATIONS OF THE WORLD, published by the Defense Mapping Agency, Aero Space Center, DOWAG, by the Defense Intelligence Agency.

FIGURE 13. Selected airfields (C)

NAME AND LOCATION	LONGEST SURFACE: SURFACE DIMENSIONS; ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL		FUEL <sup>a</sup>	LANDING AIRCRAFT USUALLY SUPPORTED	REMARKS
	Feet	Meters			
Adampur..... 31°26'N., 75°46'E.	Concrete..... 9,000 x 150 773	13,780	P-102...		Military. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance estimated to be available.
Agri..... 27°40'N., 72°34'E.	Concrete..... 8,000 x 150 351	36,807	B-37.....		Joint. A major IAF facility. Avgas, jet fuel, and field maintenance available.
Abnabad..... 23°01'N., 72°27'E.	Concrete..... 7,500 x 150 183	25,300	C-130.....		Civil. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available. Alternate for Bombay.
Allahabad..... 25°26'N., 81°44'E.	Concrete..... 8,000 x 150 322	23,800	do.....		Joint. Aviation fuel and organizational maintenance available. IAF Central Air Command Headquarters.
Amal..... 30°22'N., 76°49'E.	Concrete..... 9,500 x 150 900	36,807	C-124.....		Joint. Avgas, jet fuel, and field maintenance available.
Awasitpur..... 22°33'N., 74°59'E.	Asphalt..... 10,500 x 150 5,600	23,500	C-120.....		Military. Airfield being developed.
Bangalore..... 12°57'N., 77°40'E.	Asphalt..... 10,850 x 250 2,927	52,000	Boeing 707.....		Civil. Owned and operated by Indian Aviation, Ltd. (IATL). Organizational maintenance available.
Bombay..... 19°03'N., 72°32'E.	Concrete..... 11,000 x 150 35	32,000	do.....		Civil. International airport of entry. All types of fuel and depot maintenance available.
Chennai..... 12°59'N., 80°27'E.	Concrete..... 10,500 x 150 18	62,130	do.....		Do.
Chandigarh..... 30°49'N., 76°47'E.	Asphalt..... 8,200 x 150 1,012	40,360	CSA.....		Joint. Avgas, jet fuel and depot maintenance available.
Cochin NAR..... 9°57'N., 76°16'E.	Asphalt..... 1,400 x 150 5	23,500	C-130.....		Military. Aviation fuel and field maintenance available. Helicopter landing area adjacent to E. side of airfield.
Dehra..... 28°34'N., 77°07'E.	Asphalt..... 12,560 x 150 776	32,000	Boeing 707.....		Civil. International airport of entry. All types fuel and depot maintenance available.
Dundigal..... 17°38'N., 78°21'E.	Concrete..... 8,250 x 150 1,812	25,300	C-130.....		Military. Indian Air Force Academy. Aviation fuel and organizational maintenance available.
Gauhati..... 26°06'N., 91°23'E.	Concrete..... 9,000 x 150 158	23,500	do.....		Joint. Avgas, jet facilities, and limited maintenance.
Goa..... 15°23'N., 73°30'E.	Concrete..... 7,150 x 150 167	23,300	do.....		Military. Indian Naval Air Station. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available.
Gumkhatpur..... 26°44'N., 82°27'E.	Concrete..... 9,000 x 150 18	23,500	B-37.....		Military. Avgas and jet fuel available.
Haldwari..... 17°23'N., 78°31'E. N. of Meerut	Concrete..... 7,350 x 150 2,020	17,031	C-121.....		Military. Avgas, jet fuel, and field maintenance available.
Indore..... 20°18'N., 77°22'E.	Concrete..... 8,500 x 150 700	25,100	C-120.....		Military. Airfield being developed.
Hyderabad..... 17°29'N., 78°28'E.	Concrete..... 9,000 x 150 1,743	22,184	C-123.....		Joint. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available.

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FIGURE 13. Selected airfields (C) (Continued)

NAME AND LOCATION	LONGEST RUNWAY: SURFACE, DIMENSIONS; ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL		TAXIWAY AIRCRAFT CATEGORIES SUPPORTED	REMARKS
	Feet	Meters		
Jambou... 32°41'N, 76°50'E	Concrete 5,534 x 150 1,029	1,694	C-51	Joint. Aviation fuel and organizational maintenance.
Jorhat... 25°44'N, 91°11'E	Concrete 9,000 x 150 384	2,743	C-130	Joint. Avgas and jet fuel available.
Kalakkada... 22°20'N, 87°13'E	Concrete 8,000 x 150 300	2,438	F-101	Military. All types of facilities available.
Lah... 34°00'N, 77°23'E	Asphalt 10,500 x 150 10,430	3,169	C-130	Military. Aviation fuel available.
Madras... 13°00'N, 80°11'E	Concrete 10,050 x 150 18	3,063	Boeing 707	Civil. International airport of entry. All types of fuel and organizational maintenance available.
Nagpur... 21°40'N, 78°03'E	Concrete 10,050 x 150 1,033	3,063	C-130	Joint. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available.
Patna... 22°14'N, 85°28'E	Asphalt 9,100 x 150 1,017	2,774	C-130	Military. Avgas and jet fuel available. Being improved.
Poona (Pune)... 18°24'N, 73°25'E	Concrete 8,100 x 150 2,911	2,438	do	Joint. All types of facilities available.
Prinsep... 23°39'N, 74°47'E	Concrete 12,200 x 150 2,181	3,690	do	Joint. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available.
Suler... 11°01'N, 77°10'E	Concrete 6,300 x 150 1,230	1,921	C-131	Military. Avgas, jet fuel, and limited maintenance. Aircraft storage depot.
Taiper... 24°32'N, 92°43'E	Asphalt 5,700 x 150 210	1,737	C-130	Joint. Avgas, jet fuel, and organizational maintenance available.
Tiravancur... 8°20'N, 78°25'E	Asphalt 8,000 x 170 14	2,438	C-130	Civil. Limited avgas, jet fuel, and maintenance. An airport of entry from Sri Lanka only.

\* Equivalent Single-Wheel Loading: Capacity of an airfield runway to sustain the weight of any multiple-wheel landing-gear aircraft in terms of the single-wheel equivalent.

The government has consistently maintained an air facilities expansion program and has better air facilities than any country in southeast Asia or Africa. Improvements and developments are planned but have had to be somewhat curtailed because of monetary problems.

**K. Telecommunications (C)**

India's domestic telecommunication (telecom) facilities provide only fair service within and between cities and are less reliable throughout the remainder of the country. Service is adversely affected by significant

shortages of facilities, equipment, and skilled personnel. Telephone service formerly was available only to the larger urban areas, but projects are underway to connect some of the smaller towns and villages, many of which have only a telegraph connection. In late 1972, there were an estimated 1,350,000 telephones, or about 0.25 instruments per 100 inhabitants, as compared to about 1.8 instruments per 100 inhabitants for Asia as a whole. Telex and facsimile services, once available only between the larger urban areas, are also provided in less populated areas. International connections have been improved by installation of a communications satellite earth station.

The domestic system has four regional centers—Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and New Delhi. Although reliance is placed on open-wire lines, mostly equipped with multichannel carrier equipment, the coaxial cable system which radiates from New Delhi to most urban centers to provide high-capacity connections is probably the most important part of the telecom network. Radio-relay links connect remote areas in the northeast and in Jammu and Kashmir with the intercity network. Radiocommunication facilities, also increasing, serve remote areas and supplement existing landlines and radio-relay links.

International connections via carrier-equipped open-wire lines, submarine cables, radiocommunication stations, and a communications satellite ground station provide relatively reliable telephone, telegraph, telex, and facsimile services. Radio circuits provide most of the international service and are interconnected with domestic networks via the four main regional centers. Submarine cables extend to Sri Lanka, Aden, and Malaysia, and open-wire lines reach Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan. The Vikram (formerly Arvi) communication satellite earth station, located east of Bombay, began operations in February 1971. The facility is connected by radio relay to a modern communication center in Bombay. In May 1972, 52 circuits linked India, via the Indian Ocean (INTELSAT IV) satellite, to 15 countries. This station should satisfy a substantial portion of India's growing requirements for international radiocommunications. A second earth station, currently under construction at Hardwar, near Dehra Dun, is scheduled for operation in 1975 and will be connected by radio relay to a new traffic center in New Delhi.

About 270 short- and medium-wave AM radio-broadcast stations are operated in about 75 communities. Stations at the four regional centers are equipped with medium- and high-frequency transmitters as powerful as 1,000 kilowatts (kw.). Elsewhere, low-power medium-frequency transmitters predominate. However, the medium wave, super-power (1,000 kw.), broadcast transmitters are located only at Calcutta and Rajkot, and the two 250 kw. shortwave transmitters at Aligarh. In late 1972 there were about 13 million licensed radiobroadcast receivers. Headquarters for the national broadcast network is at New Delhi, which has one of the six international broadcast stations. Telecom improvements planned through 1974 indicate that 90% of India will be covered by medium-frequency broadcasts. In addition, commercial broadcasts will be increased on a regional basis.

New Delhi is the nucleus for television programming and broadcasts, and broadcast coverage has been increased to a 37-mile radius of this city. TV transmission also is planned for off-the-air pickup and rebroadcast at Amritsar to combat the increasing effectiveness of propaganda broadcasts transmitted into the Punjab area from the TV station located at Lahore, Pakistan. There are an estimated 40,000 TV sets. West German technicians have completed installation of a main TV studio and transmitter station at Worli, near Bombay, and a connecting radio-relay rebroadcast facility near Pune (formerly Poona). The 10-kw. Bombay TV transmitter, opened in October 1972, provides for a broadcast coverage of 28 miles. In late January 1973 a TV station was inaugurated in Srinagar. The current 5-year plan provides for installation of TV stations at Amritsar and Mussoorie, and subsequently at Calcutta, Lucknow, and Madras. Within 10 years, TV coverage is expected to be available to all Indian cities with populations of 100,000 or more. Closed-circuit TV, which is on the increase, is mostly used for educational purposes and serve about 250,000 students. Closed-circuit TV also is used commercially at the Delhi airport and is planned for others.

A special plan, Satellite Instruction Television Experiment (SITE), has been scheduled for FY1974/75 in cooperation with United States and international organizations. An experimental ATS-F communications satellite will be launched into geostationary orbit over India during 1973 to receive TV signals transmitted from the modified Ahmadabad communication satellite station. A number of specially designed TV receiver base stations will be deployed and utilized to receive and redistribute terrestrially the incoming satellite TV signals. TV receivers will be placed in 5,000 villages for community viewing.

Two major government organizations, the Department of Communications (DOC) and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), control, administer, and operate most of the telecom facilities. The DOC is responsible for providing public domestic telephone, telegraph, and postal services, and the MIB is solely responsible for providing radiobroadcast and TV services. The Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Shipping and Transport, and the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation have authority to operate special-telecom systems. No commercial or foreign organizations own telecom facilities.

India is a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the British Commonwealth Telecommunication Board, the International

Telecommunications Satellite Consortium (INTELSAT), the Asian Broadcasting Union, and is a partner in the Commonwealth Cable System. The government has bilateral telecom agreements with Bhutan and Nepal.

Educational facilities are not considered wholly adequate, and there is a shortage of telecom engineers and technicians. Government telecom organizations operate training centers on a national, regional, and state level. Fourteen educational institutions conduct courses in electronics, telecommunications, and engineering; seven others offer advanced courses. A communication satellite ground station at Ahmadabad, sponsored by the United Nations, is a center for research and training in the use of satellites for communications. The center is open for both foreign and indigenous students.

Climate, rugged terrain, and language differences complicate telecom operations. From June to September, monsoon rains cause floods that damage wire lines and hinder repair work. The Himalayas and

other mountain ranges restrict development of telecom networks. The many different written languages hamper the operation of the telegraph service. The standardization of Hindi as the official language using Devanagari, the Sanskrit alphabet, is intended to ease this problem and is meeting with some success.

India does not have the production capability to meet all of its civilian and military telecom requirements. Domestic production is not adequate in quantity or sophistication and must be supplemented by imports. Although India produces a variety of wire and radio equipment for both civilian and military use, output often is dependent upon the use of imported components and parts. Principal sources of civil-related equipment and components are the European economic community, Japan, and the United States. Hong Kong, Hungary, Singapore, and Yugoslavia provide radio equipment and components only. Principal suppliers of military equipment have been Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and, more recently, the U.S.S.R.

Places and Features referred to in this General Survey

	COORDINATES				COORDINATES			
	° 'N.	° 'E.			° 'N.	° 'E.		
Ågra	27 11	78 01		Haryana (state)	29 00	76 00		Nicobar Islands (isls)
Ågra (dist)	27 05	77 58		Himachal Pradesh (union territory)	31 00	78 00		Orissa (state)
Ahmadābād	23 02	72 37		Himalayas (mts)	28 00	84 00		Ootacamund
Ahmednagar	19 05	74 44		Hindan (strm)	28 27	77 28		Pachmarhl
Aijal	23 44	92 43		Hindu Kush (mts)	35 00	71 00		Pandu
Ajanta	20 32	75 43		Hooghly River (strm)	21 55	88 05		Parāḍip
Ajmer	26 27	74 38		Hyderābād	17 23	78 28		Parāḍip Garh (port)
Aksai Chin (region)	35 05	79 30		Hyderābād (state)	18 00	78 00		Pathānkot
Alibāg	18 39	72 54		Imphāl	24 49	93 57		Patna
Aligarh	27 53	78 05		Indo-Gangetic Plain (plain)	27 00	80 00		Patna
Allāhābād	25 27	81 51		Indraprast	28 29	77 18		Pechi
Ambāla	30 21	76 50		Indus River (strm)	24 20	67 47		Perambur (rr sta)
Amindivi Islands (isls)	11 23	72 23		Indus Valley (valley)	29 00	71 00		Pondicherry (union territory)
Amritsar	31 35	74 53		Islāmābād, Pakistan	33 42	73 10		Port Blair
Andaman Islands (isls)	12 30	92 45		Izatnagar	28 23	79 25		Powāi
Andhra Pradesh (state)	16 00	79 00		Jabalpur	23 10	79 57		Punākha, Bhutan
Ankleshwar	21 36	73 00		Jaduguda (ore mill)	22 39	85 20		Pune (Poona)
Arunachal Pradesh (union territory)	28 00	94 30		Jaipur	26 55	75 49		Punjab (state)
Arvi	18 22	73 49		Jaisalmer	26 55	70 54		Puri
Asansol	23 41	86 59		Jālahalli	13 02	77 33		Quilon
Assam (state)	26 00	93 00		Jamālpur	25 13	86 30		Rājasthān (state)
Āvadi	13 07	80 07		Jammu	32 44	74 52		Rājkot
Badagara	11 36	75 35		Jammu and Kashmir (state)	33 00	77 00		Rājmahāl Hills (hills)
Bāghdogra	26 42	88 19		Jāmnnagar	22 28	70 04		Rājnasthān (state)
Bāndel (rr sta)	22 56	88 22		Jamshedpur	22 48	86 11		Rana Pratap Sagar Dam (dam)
Bangalore	12 59	77 35		Jessore, Bangladesh	23 10	89 13		Rana Pratap Sagar (powerplant)
Baradaha	23 32	81 15		Jodhpur	26 17	73 02		Rānchi
Barauni	25 41	78 23		Jogighopa	26 14	90 35		Rangāpuram
Bareilly	28 21	79 25		Jorhāt	26 45	94 13		Rānippettai
Barhi	24 18	85 25		Jullundur	31 19	75 34		Rann of Kutch (marsh)
Bāruni	25 29	85 59		Kābul, Afghanistan	34 31	69 12		Raurkela
Batāla	31 48	75 12		Kākināda	16 56	82 13		Rāwalpindi, Pakistan
Bay of Bengal (bay)	15 00	90 00		Kalol	23 15	72 29		Rihand (strm)
Begampet (rr sta)	17 28	78 28		Kālpākkam	12 34	80 10		Roorkee
Benares	25 20	83 00		Kandla	23 02	70 13		Sabarigiri (hydro pwr site)
Bhāgirathi River (strm)	23 25	88 23		Kandla Creek (strm)	22 58	70 15		Sābarmati (rr sta)
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Bhutan, Kingdom of	27 30	90 30		Kāthmandu, Nepal	27 43	85 19		Sholapur
Bokāro Coalfield (coalfield)	23 49	86 00		Ke-nāla (state)	10 00	76 15		Shwebo, Burma
Bokāro Nadi (strm)	23 46	85 55		Khadki	18 34	73 52		Sikkim (protectorate)
Bombay	18 58	72 50		Khambhāt (Cambay)	22 18	72 37		Silchar
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Buckingham Canal	15 39	80 13		Kharakvasla	18 26	73 46		Simla
Dudge Budge	22 27	88 10		Khāsi Hills (mts)	25 35	91 38		Sindi
Cāchār (dist)	25 05	92 55		Khulna, Bangladesh	22 48	89 33		Singarsi Peak (peak)
Calcutta	22 32	88 22		Kirkee (see Khadki)	18 34	73 52		Sriharikota Island (isl)
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Car Nicobar (isl)	9 10	92 47		Kohima	25 40	94 07		Sylhet, Bangladesh
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Chandausi	28 27	78 46		Kottagudem	18 04	80 28		Tārāpur
Chandigarh (rr sta)	30 44	76 55		Kottayam	9 35	76 31		Tawang
Chandigarh (union territory)	30 45	76 48		Koyali	22 22	73 07		Telangana (area)
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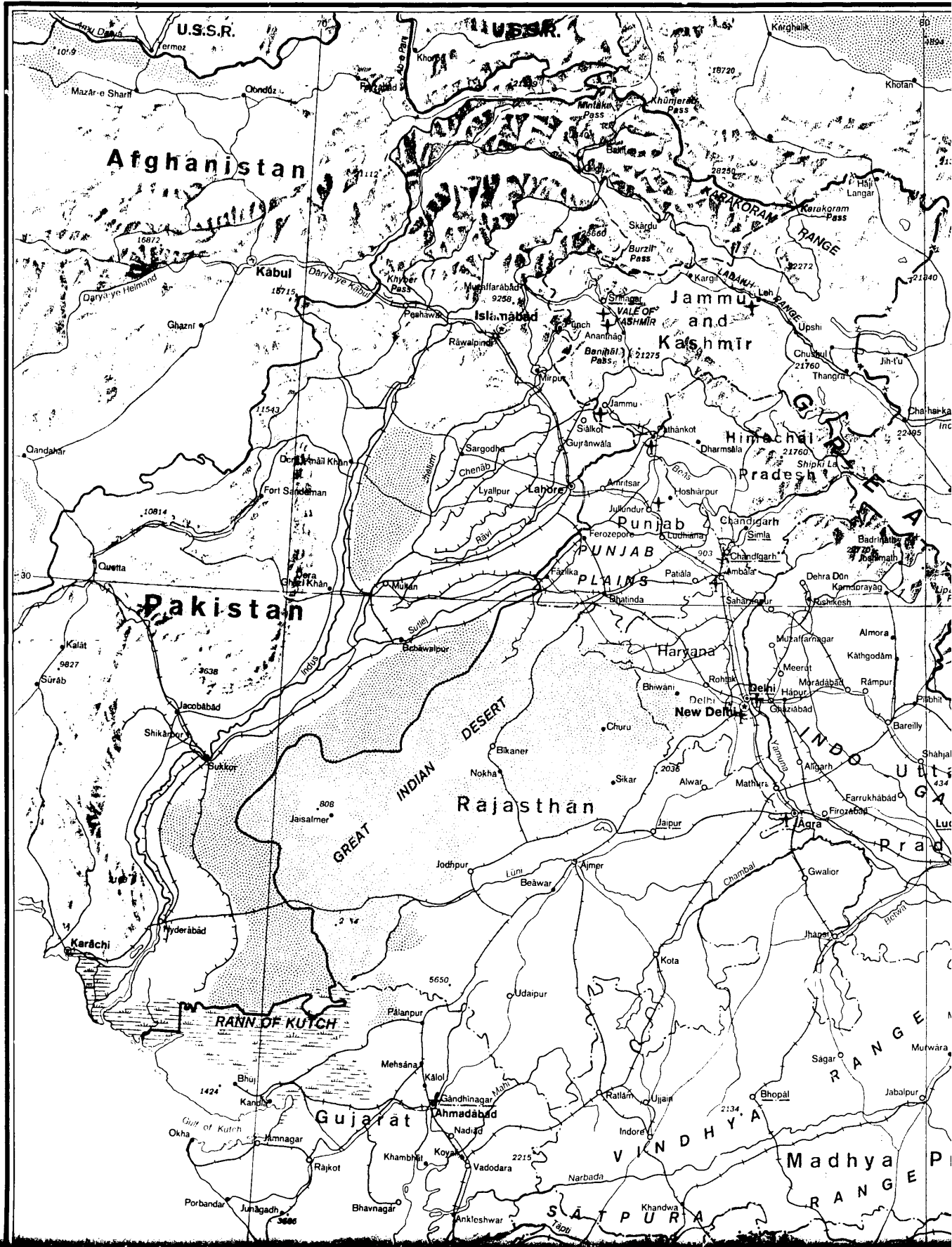
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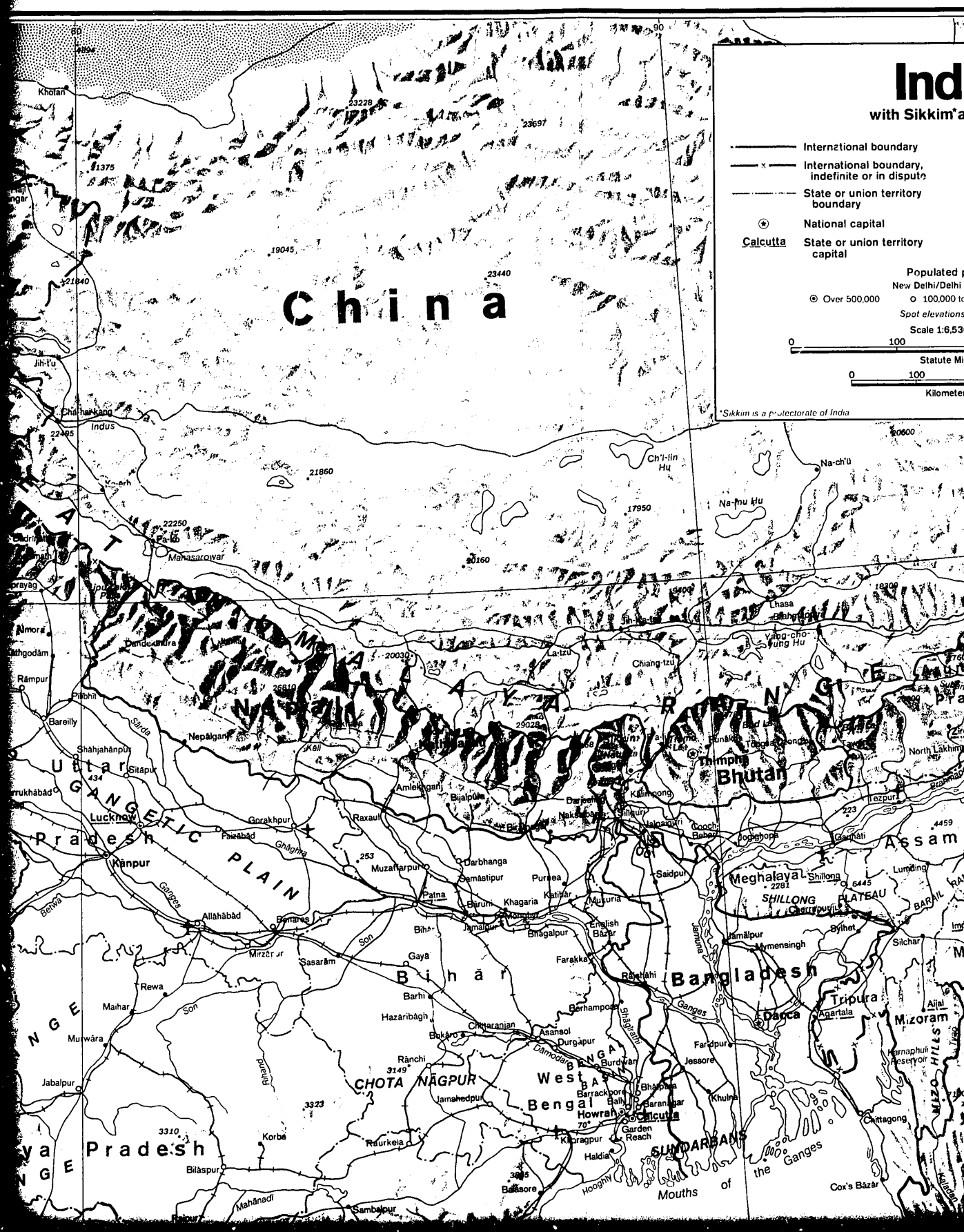
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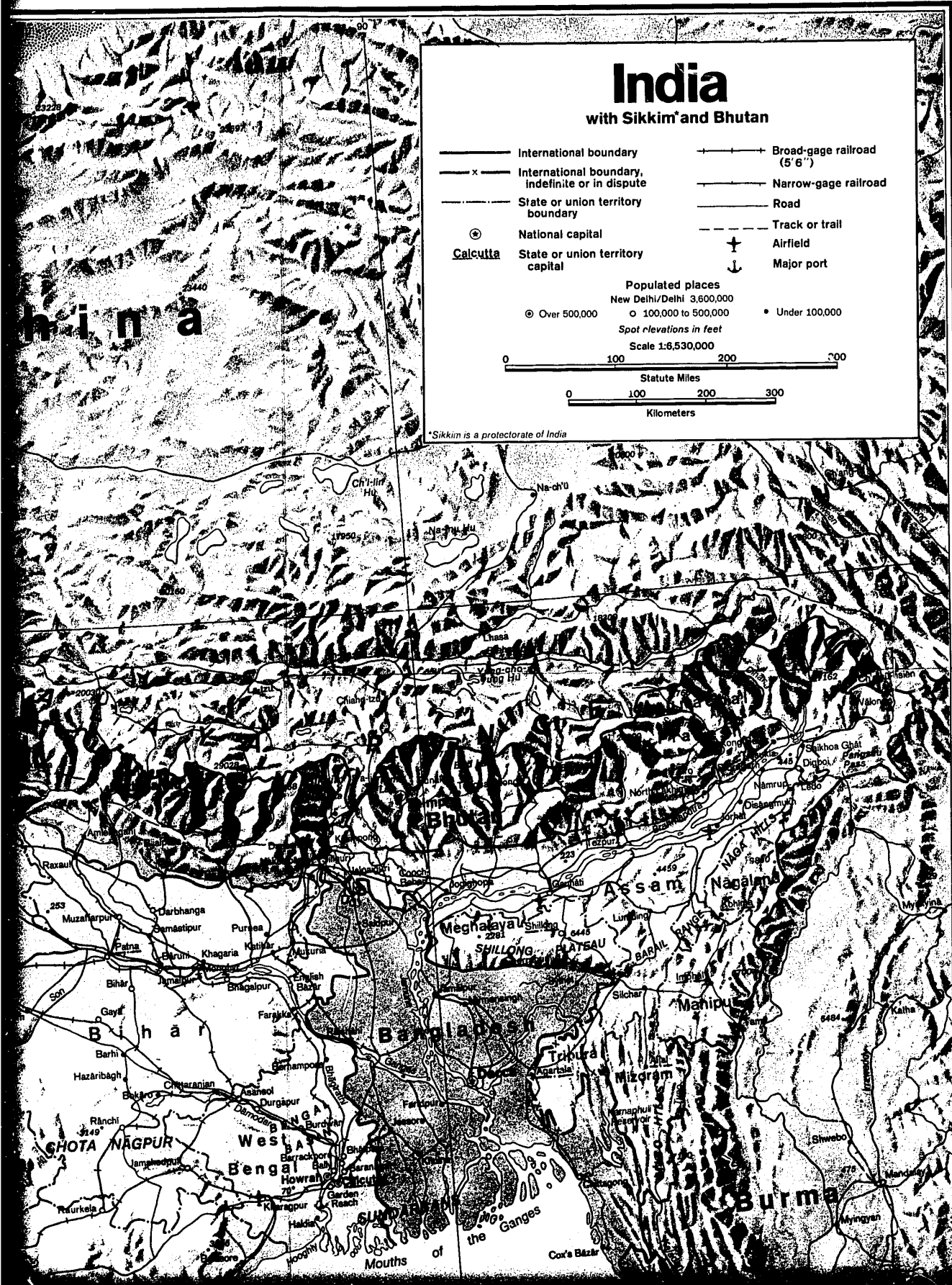












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⊙	State or union territory capital	— — —	Track or trail
		+	Airfield
		⚓	Major port

Populated places  
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 ● Under 100,000

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