

Vayudoot Service in J&K Sector

7482. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to start Vayudoot service in Jammu, Rajouri Poonch and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Kashmir ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in starting this service ; and

(c) when Government propose to start this service in these districts of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) Subject to clearances to operate to Defence owned airfields being given for Rajouri and Poonch, and the development of infrastructure, Vayudoot has plans to operate to these stations during the year 1986-87.

Quality of Food Supplied in Andhra Pradesh Express

7483. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from Passengers travelling by 123-124 Andhra Pradesh Express regarding the quality and quantity of food being supplied in the train as well as their high rates ;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received ; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the six months from September 1985 to February 1986, the Railways received 13 complaints, most of which were regarding quality.

(c) Action taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality of service include penal action against the staff found responsible, frequent inspections by officers/supervisors of pantry cars/base kitchens, modernisation of lease kitchens, procurement and installation of modern kitchen equipments, training of cooks etc. So far as rates for food items are concerned, they have been fixed keeping in mind the present day costs. As a result of action taken, the Railways have since received a number of appreciation letters also.

[Translation]

Assistance given for Primary Education During Seventh Plan to States

7484. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of assistance proposed to be given to different States by the Centre during Seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise for expansion of primary education ; and

(b) whether Union Government will give special assistance to the Rajasthan Government to open and upgrade more primary schools ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b) Under the well-established arrangement for disbursement of Plan-assistance to States it is given to the States as block grant and not for any specific scheme.

[English]

Fire Incident at LNJP Hospital

7485. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN :
SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY :
DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :