

A.C. Coaches for Madras-Trichy Trains

582. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether none of the Express trains on the main line between Madras and Trichy via Thanjavur is provided with AC coaches;

(b) whether there is a demand for the introduction of coaches with AC-2 -Tier sleeper and AC Chair Car is some of the Express trains on this line;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is always rush for 1st class in the trains on this section; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce AC 2-Tier sleeper in Rameshwaram Express and AC Chair Car in the Cholan Express to benefit the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. At times.

(d) When sufficient additional AC Coaches become available provision of the same on this route will be kept in view.

Loss to Railway Property in South Bihar

583. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was damage to railway property in different parts of South Bihar during the bandh on 9 June 1989;

(b) if so, whether any assessment of loss to railway property has been made; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). There were 4 cases of sabotage on South Eastern Railway during the bandh on 9th June, 1989,

but the damage to railway property was negligible.

Export of Mangoes

584. PROF. MADHUDANAVATE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of mangoes in the financial year 1988-89;

(b) the foreign exchange earned through these exports; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase their export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) and (b). Exports of mangoes during the year 1988-89 and the total foreign exchange earned on their export are estimated at 16,000 tonnes and Rs. 17 crores respectively.

(c) The steps proposed to be taken to increase export of mangoes include organisation of expositions in potential countries, arranging buyer-seller meets, despatch of samples of different varieties of mangoes to potential buyers etc.

Frequency of Rajdhani Express

585. SHRIR.P. DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to run Rajdhani Express between New Delhi - Bombay and New Delhi Howrah on all the seven days of the week; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.