

zonal railway and public; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to increase the number of coaches to reduce the rush on these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Composition of some trains have been reduced due to poor occupation. Requests received for augmentation of trains for occasional fluctuations due to local festivals/fairs etc. are catered as operationally feasible.

Pension Scheme for Employees of Nationalised Banks

1634. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the demand of the nationalised banks for introduction of pension scheme to the employees especially when the State Bank of India has started such a scheme for the employees since 1921;

(b) if so, the decision of Government on the demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not taking such decision on the demand which has been under negotiation with the bank employees union for a long period and the likely date by which a decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). The matter is being looked into.

Export to Gulf Countries

1635. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Gulf countries to whom Indian goods are being exported annually;

(b) the items being exported and the value thereof;

(c) whether despite great demand for Indian goods in the Gulf market there is a slump in their export due to the poor quality and high price of such products; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter and to increase the export to Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) to (d). Indian goods are exported to all the countries in the Gulf region viz; Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Major items of export include engineering goods, chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals, textiles, processed foods, spices, tea etc. Export to Gulf countries have increased from Rs. 848.60 crores (provisional) in 1987-88 to Rs. 1048.57 crores (provisional) during 1988-89.

[*Translation*]

Smuggling of Narcotic Drugs

1636. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT:
SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the gangs involved in the preparation of heroin from opium and smuggling of narcotic drugs apprehended this year;

(b) the quantity of drugs seized from them and the value thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to