

(f) and (g). Do not arise.

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### **Fiscal Deficit**

1735. SHRI H.B. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium of the World Bank has cautioned India to contain the fiscal deficit;

(b) the position of the fiscal deficit of the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to contain the fiscal deficit and reduce the pressure on the balance of payments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) At the India Consortium meeting held in Paris in June 1989 Members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budgetary deficit. Some of them however said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction.

(b) The budgetary deficit of the Central Government amounted to Rs. 8261 crores in 1986-87, Rs. 5816 crores in 1987-88 and according to data received from Reserve Bank of India, Rs. 5809 crores in 1988-89.

(c) Government has initiated several measures to contain budgetary deficit. These include measures to maintain the buoyancy of tax revenue collection, prevent evasion of taxes and contain the growth of low priority and non-developmental expenditure. A compression of the present scale of fiscal imbalance would contribute towards improvement in the balance of payments by narrowing the savings-investment gap of the econ-

### **Lalitpur-Khajuraho Railways Line**

1736. SHRIMATI VIDYAVATI CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work with regard to Lalitpur, Khairada via Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Khajuraho railway line has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Survey for Lalitpur Singrauli railway line via Chhatarpur-Khajuraho-Sidhi has been approved in 1988-89. The Survey would be taken in hand soon after monsoons this year.

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### **Frequency of Jammu-Rajkot Weekly Train**

1737. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received requests to convert long distance Jammu-Rajkot weekly train into a daily train due to increasing rush in the said train; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Requests for increase in its frequency have

been received. However, the bi-weekly 181/182 Sarvodaya Express, weekly 997/998 Hapa-Jammu Tawi Express and 4 days a week 171/172 Bombay-Jammu Tawi Express run on a combined path between Vadodara-Jammu Tawi. It is, therefore, operationally not feasible to increase its frequency.

#### **Increase in Quota of Berths at Rajkot Junction**

1738. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for increase in quota of berths at Rajkot junction on different trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

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

(b) Three representations have been received for allotment/enhancement of reservation quotas by 151 Rajdhani Express, 25 Deluxe Express, 28 Marwar-Ranapur Express, 8 Ahmedabad-Bombay Janta Express, 506 Ashram Express, 903 Rajkot-Trivandrum Express, 931 Rajkot-Hyderabad Express and 171 Bombay-Jammu Tawi Express trains.

(c) Due to limited availability of accommodation and heavy pressure on quotas at other intermediate stations, it is difficult to make any adjustments with a view to allot/enhance any quota at Rajkot by the above mentioned trains.

#### **Additional Trains on Bombay-Rajkot Route**

1739. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN

RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing train service on Rajkot-Bombay route is not sufficient to cope with the increasing traffic on this route;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce more trains and to convert weekly trains to daily trains to provide relief to the travelling public; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### **Report of Railway Safety Commission on Perumon Railway Accident**

1740. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Safety Commission has submitted its final inquiry report on the train accident near Perumon (Kerala) on 8 July, 1988;

(b) if so, findings of the commission with regard to the causes of the accident; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the follow-up action taken thereon, if any?

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

(b) According to the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle who conducted the inquiry, this accident was the result of a tornado having struck at the bridge just as the train was going over it.