

(a) whether accredited journalists are allowed to bring electronic typewriters or video writing machines from abroad as passengers accompanied baggages

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI A K PANJA) (a) and (b) Video writing machines (Word Processors) can be imported as accompanied baggage on payment of a concessional customs duty of 85% (40% Basic+45% Auxiliary) by accredited correspondent of a foreign broadcasting and television organization or of a foreign news agency or a foreign news paper in accordance with notification no 355/85-Cus dated 6 12 1985, as amended, and subject to conditions prescribed therein

Such goods can also be imported as bonafide baggage of a passenger under the Baggage Rules, 1978, Tourist Baggage Rule, 1978 and the Transfer of Residence Rules, 1978

(c) Does not arise

Token System for Ticket Reservation

1759 SHRI P M SAYEED Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether a new token system for ticket reservation has been introduced recently,

(b) whether the system is fool-proof and has been working satisfactorily,

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the system is proposed to be extended to other railways stations also and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) The token system for ticket reservation has been introduced recently at I R C A Reservation Office in New Delhi

(b) The system has generally been appreciated by the travelling public

(c) A few complaints have been received at I R C A Reservation Office that the system slows down the work and may benefit touts

(d) The system is prevalent at 23 other stations on various railways

Congestion at Delhi and New Delhi Railways Stations

1760 DR G S RAJHANS Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Old Delhi and New Delhi Railway stations are getting increasingly congested day by day, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove congestion at these stations?

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

(b) (i) At New Delhi Railway Station visitors are being persuaded not to enter the platform unless absolutely necessary and the issue of platform tickets is also being regulated.

(ii) The size of the book stalls/ vending stalls/other structures