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Proposal for Bifurcation of Ganga-Jamuna Express between Lucknow and Varanasi

4770. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for bifurcating 83 Up and 84 Down Ganga-Jamuna Express between Lucknow and Varanasi and running daily one via Sultanpur and the other via Faizabad ; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented ;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Not at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Staff Strength of Air India in USA

4771. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from USA who travel in Air India planes every year and the number out of them, who come to India ;

(b) the total staff strength of Air India in USA and the total amount paid to them every year by way of salary and other facilities etc. ;

(c) whether the number of these employees is more keeping in view the number of passengers ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) During 1985-86,

1,68,082 passengers travelled on Air India flights from USA. Out of these, 1,16,437 came to India.

(b) The total staff strength of Air India in USA is 264. The total amount paid by way of salary and other facilities during the year 1985-86 was Rs. 14.20 crores approximately.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the fact that Air India has seven offices in USA and New York is a terminal station with a daily flight, the number of employees of Air-India in USA is not considered excessive.

[*English*]

Concession on Transportation of Fishing Nets

4772. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of free luggage allowed to a passenger who travels in the IInd class Railway Compartment ;

(b) whether this concession is allowed in respect of fishing nets also ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The free allowance of luggage is 35Kgs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) To avoid inconvenience to others, a passenger is permitted to take into a carriage only such small articles of personal luggage as are required for his own use on the journey and can be placed in the carriage without reducing the available accommodation in the carriage for sitting/sleeping and for free movement.

Facilities to employees of Wagon Workshop at Guntupalli

4773. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;