

(a) whether there is a great public demand to increase the quota of second class berths allotted for passengers travelling from Udumalpet and Pollachi by the Blue Mountain Express; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An additional quote of two second class berths each at Udumalpet and Pollachi Stations by 6006 Nilgiri Express (Blue Mountain Express) is being allotted from 01.05.1990.

[*Translation*]

Declaration of Bundelkhand Region as Free Zone Area

2207. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared Bundelkhand region in M.P. and U.P. as industrially backward;

(b) whether Government propose to declare it a Free Zone Area by constituting Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority;

(c) if not, whether Government are considering new schemes to remove backwardness of that area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d). The industrialisation of a region in a particular State/States including setting up of any Authority for industrial development is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. How-

ever, in order to promote industrialisation and reduce regional imbalances, the Central Government offers a number of incentives such as priority in the grant of industrial licences, concessional finance, exemption from income-tax etc. to entrepreneurs setting up units in centrally declared backward areas. In the case of Bundelkhand region falling in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, ten districts of the region have been declared as backward by the Central Government and are eligible for the above mentioned concessions. In addition, Central Government has also sanctioned 3 Growth Centres in the Districts of Banda, Jalaun and Hamirpur in UP and one Growth Centre in District Panna in MP under the 'No Industry District' Infrastructural Development Scheme.

[*English*]

Shuttle Railway Service Between Ultadanga and Salt Lake Stadium

2208. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a shuttle railway service between Ultadanga railway station and Salt Lake Stadium; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Complaints Against LPG Agencies in Etah, U.P.

2209. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: