

(d) Yes, Sir, subject to availability of adequate capacity.

(e) and (f). During the year 1988-89, Indian Airlines earned an estimated surplus of about Rs. 68 lakhs on the Calicut-Bombay route, one-way.

[*Translation*]

Rail Wagons Factory at Barwadih (Palamau)

5153. SHRI JORAWAR RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a factory for renovation of rail wagons was sanctioned in Barwadih (Palamau, Bihar);

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on this project so far; and

(c) the progress made in setting up the factory?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. However, a BOXN repair depot at Barwadih was sanctioned at an anticipated cost of Rs. .85 crores in the year 1986-87.

(b) and (c). An anticipated expenditure on the work upto March '90 is Rs. 1.77 crores. The financial progress of the work upto March '90 is 36.6%.

[*English*]

Implementation of Transfer in South Eastern Railway

5154. SHRI R.N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been laid down for periodical transfer of officers;

(b) whether there has been any deviation in the implementation of this policy in respect of some of the Commercial Officers in the Headquarters Office of South Eastern Railway;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to ensure proper implementation of the policy in force in respect of officers who very often come in contact with public?

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

(b) One officer has been allowed to continue in the Catering branch beyond normal tenure.

(c) He had received specialised training in catering and his services are required to improve catering arrangements.

(d) Yes, Sir, but in the exigencies of service, exceptions cannot be avoided.

Rebate on use of Minor Oils for Soap making

5155. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have withdrawn the rebate on the use of minor oils and oils of tree and forest origin for soap making;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how far it is responsible for sharp rise in the prices of soaps and detergents?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

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