

Baliyatra to Indonesia

5299. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa had requested to provide fund to undertake Baliyatra to Indonesia; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Government of Orissa therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the quantum of financial assistance to be extended is still under discussions with the State Government.

Grant for Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

5300. SHRI K. PRADHANI. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of grants sanctioned to organisations in Orissa for celebrating the birth centenary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar;

(b) whether the Government have inquired about the proper utilisation of the grant; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Ministry of Welfare, the nodal Ministry for this

celebration have informed that no amount has been sanctioned to any organisation in Orissa for celebrating the Birth Centenary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

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

Wagons for Hill Areas

5301 MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wagons/rakes provided by Railways for transportation of foodgrains in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh during last year and how this transportation had been made in each station;

(b) whether transportation service of foodgrains has been regularised by Kotdwara Railway Station;

(c) if so, since when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During 1991-92, 52 rakes equivalent to 3748 wagons of foodgrains were loaded for Stations serving hill areas of Uttar Pradesh as under:-

	Wagons (in 4-wheeler units)	
Rushikesh	-	1460
Dehradun	-	1344
Haridwar	-	881
Kotdwara	-	663
Total:	-	3748

(b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) Since 1989-90
(d) Does not arise

Difficulties of Train Passengers of Kerala

5302 SHRI P C THOMAS Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether he has received a memorandum from Keralites in Delhi relating to difficulties being faced by them while travelling by trains from Delhi to Kerala,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The flowing demands have been made in the memorandum -

- (i) Introduction of additional superfast train from New Delhi to Kerala
- (ii) Stoppage of 2626 Kerala-Mangala Express at Fardabad
- (iii) Improved freight movements facilities to Kerala
- (iv) Provision of well maintained compartments and improved catering facilities in Kerala-Mangala express

(c) Introduction of additional train to Kerala is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints. Stoppage of 2626 Kerala-Mangala Express at Fardabad is also not justified.

Freight movement demands for inward and outward traffic for Kerala in block rakes

are being met in full. Demand of wagons for piecemeal movement is met by clubbing of indents and by forming two/three point rakes.

The coaches of the Kerala-Mangala Express are maintained to the prescribed standard, and scheduled maintenance is carried out at Primary and Secondary Depot.

Pantry car has been provided in Kerala Express to meet the catering requirements of traveling public. Meals are picked up from the base kitchens enroute. Continuous efforts are being made by the Railways to maintain the standard of meals etc.
[Translation]

Environment Development Authority

5303 SHRI N J RATHVA Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute any environment development authority for North- West Himalayan region,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the objectives thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

[English]

Chlorinated Water

5304 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL
SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state