

Late Running of Trains

1415. SHRI CHHITUBHAT GAMIT:
SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to refund ticket money to passengers in cases the trains are delayed beyond the time of the journey period; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b): As per rules, full fare is refunded to passengers at the journey commencing stations if they do not undertake journey on account of late running of trains by more than three hours. No refund is granted for late arrivals at stations.

Since the passengers have already performed the journey and the railways have incurred the cost of carrying the passengers to their destinations, refunds are not granted.

Subject on Consumer Protection

1416. SHRI DHARMANNA
MONDAYYA SADUL :
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce the subject of 'Consumer protection' in the curricula of open Universities :

(b) if so, whether Indira Gandhi National Open University has taken any initiative in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University, the University has designed an academic programme in the area of Consumer Protection to train the persons who wish to take up leadership of Consumer Protection Movement at various levels.

Extention of Tatanagar-Badampahar Line

1417. KUMARI SHUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Tatanagar Badampahar broad-gauge line upto Bangiriposi to link up with Rupsa-Bangiripasi line; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Survey for a new line between Bangiriposi and Badampahar/Gorumahisani has been taken up. Construction of the project depends upon the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.