

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b): No Sir. There is no scheme of providing financial assistance for replacement of ageing bulls.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (National Bulls Production Programme) States and UT's are provided Central grant for strengthening indigenous cattle/buffaloes breeding farms for production of bulls for their breeding programmes.

Financial assistance provided during the last 3 years are detailed in the enclosed statement.

(c): No, Sir, the scheme will continue upto 1996-97, terminal years of current plan period.

(d): Does not arise.

*Statement showing Financial Assistance Provided to States Under National Bull Production Programme (Rs. in lakhs)*

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Financial assistance		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Uttar Pradesh	29.15	17.40	33.00
2.	Maharashtra	3.00	—	—
3.	Gujarat	5.985	2.00	188.00
4.	Tamil Nadu	5.00	—	—
5.	Himachal Pradesh	6.50	6.30	—
6.	Orissa	3.75	—	—
7.	Goa	5.00	—	—
8.	Rajasthan	15.225	3.75	—
9.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	15.90	8.4
10.	Kerala	—	15.25	—
11.	Mizoram	—	5.00	—
12.	Meghalaya	—	2.00	—
13.	Haryana	—	—	186.1
14.	Delhi	—	—	5.00

#### Superfast Train

1179. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a superfast train between Moradabad-Bareilly and Bombay; and

(b) if so, the time by which this train is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

*(English)*

#### Passenger Amenities

1180. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are fully looking after passenger amenities like sanitary condition in the train compartments/toilets upkeep of platforms and cheap rates for the services rendered by pantry cars;

(b) if not, the reasons for ignoring the commuters' interests; and

(c) the steps taken to improve these services?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Railways continue to endeavour to improve the condition of Passenger Amenities. Travelling Safaiwalas have been provided on many long distance trains besides providing jet cleaning apparatus for cleaning of toilets enroute. Maintenance of platforms is undertaken periodically as and when warranted by their condition.

The tariff for various items is fixed duly taking into account the input costs and is considered reasonable. Regular surprise inspections are conducted at various levels to improve the quality of catering service and suitable deterrent action is taken against the defaulting staff/contractors.

*[Translation]*

#### Non-Availability of Reservation

1181. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that large number of passengers do not travel due to the non-availability of reservation required by them in long distance trains; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) some passengers remain on waiting list in long distance trains specially during rush period like summer, pooja and winter vacations.

(b) Position of waiting list passengers is monitored on day-to-day basis and additional coaches wherever justified and feasible are attached to clear the rush. During summer holidays and other rush periods special trains are also run. Trains are introduced on a continuous basis on important busy routes to meet the demand.

*(English)*

#### Electrification of Railway Routes

1182. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the routes of North-East Frontier Railways have been considered by the Government for electrification so far; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?