

(a) whether the problem of increasing commuter traffic in the suburban railway system of Greater Bombay resulting in overcrowding has been studied;

(b) if so, the results of the study and the recommendations made by the study group for improving the system;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the system and relieve congestion; and

(d) the number of passengers killed in Bombay due to over crowding in trains during last year?

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

(b) The main recommendation is to increase the frequency of sub-urban trains and reducing time-interval between them.

(c) Improvement in suburban services of Bombay area by increasing the frequency, subject to operational feasibility and resource availability, is a continuous process.

(d) There has been no case of death attributable to overcrowding during last year.

[*Translation*]

#### **Auction of Railway land at Izzat Nagar**

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

(a) whether some agricultural land was acquired by Railway in Izzatnagar (Bareilly) in 1956;

(b) if so, how this land was utilised;

(c) whether some portion of this land has been auctioned and Tehbazari is being collected therefor; and

(d) if so, the rules under which it is being done?

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

(b) The land was utilised for remodeling of workshop and construction of staff quarters.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The land has been licensed for Tehbazari with a view to providing adequate shopping facilities to the residents of the Railway colony. As per extant rules, existing licences on Tehbazari may continue as long as the land is not required for Railway's own developmental works.

#### **Vayudoot Service to Bareilly**

176. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Bareilly with Vayudoot service; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Expansion of Vayudoot Service in U.P.**

177. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Vayudoot services; and

(b) if so, the places in Uttar Pradesh proposed to be connected with Vayudoot