

[English]

Dividend to Central Exchequer

2353. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA
RAO:
SHRI BOLLA BULLI
RAMAIAH:
SHRISULTAN SALAHUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have refused to pay dividend to the Central Exchequer on the ground that its dues worth Rs. 600 crores may first be reimbursed by the Central Power Stations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Ministry of Finance in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to settle the matter amicably?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Eco-Friendly Refrigeration System

2354. MAJ. GEN. (RETD).
BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has built an indigenous vapour absorption refrigeration system which is environment friendly and energy conserving;

(b) whether the Government have tak-

en any initiative in development of such a system;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d). The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras is working on three different concepts of Vapour Absorption Refrigeration System, all of which are environment friendly. These systems also have energy conservation potential in that they can be operated with industrial waste heat and Solar Energy. Out of these three systems, two have the Government's support by way of funding/sponsorship.

[Translation]

Super Fast Mail/Express Trains

2355. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more emphasis is being given on running super fast mail/express trains in the country;

(b) the comparative figures of these two types of trains as per the present position;

(c) whether there is more demand for super fast mail/express trains than Rajdhani Express as these trains meet the requirement of more passengers; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have formulated any other scheme in regard to these trains?

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