

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The Sahitya Akademi has published the English translation entitled "The Puppets' Tale" of Sri Manik Bandyopadhyaya's Bengali novel 'Putul Nacher Itikatha' and the book is available in the market; the Akademi has not published "The Boatman of Padma".

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Arrangements for Speedy Bookings and Transport of Betel-Leaf.

808. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what arrangements the Railways have made to facilitate speedy bookings and transport of betel-leaf ;

(b) which are the main loading and unloading Railway stations handling betel-

leaf ; and

(c) what amount do the Indian Railways earn on bookings and transportation of betel-leaf ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Betel leaves as and when offered are accepted for booking and are despatched by brake vans of first available Mail/Express or Sectional passenger trains. To further regulate the loading of this traffic, specific quotas have been earmarked for certain stations for loading by certain trains.

(b) The names of the main loading and unloading Railway Stations handling betel-leaf traffic, Railway-wise, have been shown in the statement attached.

(c) Commodity-wise earnings for all the commodities are not maintained and betel leaf commodity is one of such commodities for which no separate figures of earnings are available.

Statement

Statement Showing Main Betel Leaf Loading and Unloading Stations on the Indian Railways.

Railway	Main loading Stations	Main unloading Stations
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Central	Dadar, Pune, Harpalpur, Antri, Mahoba, Lalitpur, Jakhlon, Maihar, Sohagpur.	Bombay V.T., Dadar, Itarsi, Hoshangabad, Bhopal, Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra Cantt., Mathura Jn., Katni, Sagar.
Southern	Rani Bennur, Savanur, Tirur, Calicut.	Bangalore City, Madras, Ernakulam, Ambur, Vaniyambadi, Kumbakonam, Tanjavur.
Northern	Varanasi, Delhi and, New Delhi	Amritsar, Jalandhar City Jn., Jalandhar Cantt. Jn., Ferozpur,

(1)	(2)	(3)
		Delhi Jn., New Delhi, Meerut City, Jaghadhari, Saharanpur, Ambala Cantt., Chandigarh, Rajpura Jn., Patiala, Nizamuddin, Ghaziabad, Bathinda, Chunar, Mirzapur, Munda Road, Meja Road, Allahabad, Khaga, Fathepur, Kanpur, Etawah, Shikohabad, Tundla, Hathras, Aligarh, Jn., Moradahad, Bareilly, Rampur, Shahjehanpur, Dehra Dun, Lucknow, Bara Banki, Shahganj, Jaunpur, Bikaner, Churu, Sardargarh, Sardarshar, Sadulpur, Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh Jn., Ratangarh, Jodhpur, Sujangarh, Didwana, Makrana, Sambhar Lake, Kuchaman City, Merta City, Phuladi, Jaisalmer, Ludhiana Jn.
Western	Parcel Depot Grant Road, Bassein Road, Palghar, Jhalawar Road, Chorwad Road, Malia Hatina, Ahmedabad.	Agra Fort, Rajkot, Hapa, Surat Velodara, Sawai Madhopur, Anand, Nadiad, Ahmedabad, Ajmer, Jaipur, Palanpur, Bhavnagar, Veraval, Wankaner, Junagadh.
South Central	Vijaywada, Nallore, Tuni, Nidubrolu, Cuddapah, Kamalapuram, Raichur, Nandyal, Kachiguda, Hyderabad, Raibag.	Lucknow, Jhansi, New Delhi, Bombay, Kolhapur, Pune, Hubli, Basar, Jalna, Dharmabad, Kinwat, Himayathnagar, Nanded, Mudkhed, Bhusaval, Parbhani, Sailu, Akola, Manmad, Partur, Bokar, Manwat Road, Aurangabad, Hingoli, Washim, Akot, Barsi Town, Parlivaijanath, Miraj.
North	Mahesh Khunt, Pasraha	Kathgodam, Bareilly City, Pilibhit,

(1)	(2)	(3)
Eastern	Hajipur, Muzaffarpur Junction.	Puranpur, Ramnagar, Kasganj, Hathras City, Fatehgarh, Farukhabad, Kannauj, Lucknow Jn., Lucknow City, Colonelganj, Gonda Jn., Bahraich, Nanpara, Tikunia, Balrampur. Tulsipur, Barhni, Shohratgarh, Naugarh, Anandnagar, Nautanwa, Palia, Kalan, Mailani, Gola-Gokarannath, Sidhauri, Bakashika Talab, Biswan, Basti, Babhnan, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Sipan, Deoria Sadar, Ballia, Ghazipur City, Varanasi City, Allahabad City, Padrauna, Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Sakri, Nirmali, Jaynagar, Rxaul, Narkatiaganj, Bettiah, Motihari, Madhubani, Sitamarhi-Bairagnia, Janakpur Road, Ghorasahan, Sikta, Dauram Madhepura, Lakhimpur Kheri. Sitapur.
South Eastern	Howrah, Ulberia, Bagnan, Mechada, Panskura, Kharagur, Jaleswar, Sakhigopal, Berhampur, Chatrapu, Bhubaneswar, Puri.	Kharagpur, Tatanagar, Raurkela, Jharsuguda, Raigarh, Champa, Bilaspur, Bhatapara, Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Gondia. Waltair, Vizianagaram, Bhandara Road, Kamptee, Nagpur.
North Frontier	Tangla, Alipurduar Jn., Goreswar, Kamakhyaguri, Aluabari Road.	Dibrugarh Town, Tinsukia, Mariani Jn., Simaluguri Jn., Dimapur Lumding Jn., Chaparmukh Jn., Gauhati, Badarpur Jn., Karimganj Jn., Silchar, Dharmanagar, Tangla,

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Eastern

Howrah, Sealdah, Srirampur
Burdwan, Asansol, Gomoh,
Begampur.

Kamakhyaguri, Aluabari Road, New
Jalpaiguri, Alipur Duar Jn., Siliguri
Jn., Kishanganj, Hojai, Katihar Jn.,

Delhi and via, Allahabad and via,
Agra Fort and via, Agra Cantt and
via, Jabalpur, Satna, Sultanpur,
Shahganj, Bara Banki, Lucknow and
via, Pratapganj, Faizabad, Jaunpur,
Varanasi, Bareilly, Mirzapur,
Jodhpur, Bikaner, Gorakhpur and
via, Samastipur and via, New
Jalpaiguri and via, Gauhati and
via, Gaya, Patna, Madhupur,
Lakhisaral, Bhagalpur and
Sahibganj.

Cancellation of Calcutta Flights by Foreign Airlines

809. SHRI MATILAL HANSDA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) particulars of the foreign airlines which have cancelled their Calcutta flights and shifted to Delhi and Bombay to date since April, 1982 ;

(b) on what grounds each of these foreign airlines have shifted their business from Calcutta airport to other airports ; and

(c) what steps have been or are being taken by Government to ensure that the foreign airlines do not cancel their Calcutta flights ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Scandinavian Airlines system (SAS) is the only foreign airline that have ceased their operations to/from India after cancelling

their flights to Calcutta with effect from 3 February, 1985. SAS are understood to have withdrawn because of unsatisfactory results of their operations.

(c) While Government are keen to promote Calcutta, it cannot direct any foreign airline to operate to desired points, because choice of landing points is guided by the commercial judgement of airlines,

Doubling of Railway Tracks

810. SHRI I. RAMA RAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state the progress achieved during the last three years in the doubling of railway tracks ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : 466 Kms. of Main Line track has been doubled and opened to traffic, since 1982-83. These include 86 Kms. opened to traffic in the current year 1985-86.