

(c) All new build of 3-tier coaches are being provided with cushions.

Extention of Jayanti Janata Express upto Trivandrum

2556. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jayanti Janata Express running between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Cochin runs almost empty from Ernakulam to Cochin on its return journey to Hazrat Nizamuddin;

(b) whether the train could be made more useful by extending it upto Trivandrum;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal at present in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The occupation of the train is low on Ernakulam Cochin section, which is of 4.5 kms. as most of the passengers get down at Ernakulam.

(b) to (d) The extension is operationally not feasible due to section capacity constraint of Ernakulam-Trivandrum route. Connection for Trivandrum by 301/302 Venad Express is already available at Ernakulam.

[*Translation*]

Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur Railway Line

2557. SHRI MANKURAM SODI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of States which have made declaration for providing financial grant for laying railway lines in their States; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh had made a declaration in 1981-82 to provide freeland and railway sleepers for the construction

of Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur railway line and if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) In the past, a number of State Governments offered concessions such as provision of land, sleepers, etc. free of cost or at concessional rates for construction of railway lines in their states. Government of Madhya Pradesh had also offered to provide land and rail sleepers free of cost for construction of Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur line. The Government of India have taken a policy decision not to accept such offers from the State Governments for location of new Central projects in their states. In view of severe constraint of resources, the construction of Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur railway line could not be cleared by the Planning Commission. However, the previous survey is being updated.

[*English*]

New scheme for foreign tourists by Indian Airlines

2558. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines has introduced any new scheme for attracting foreign tourists and if so, what would be the estimated loss in foreign exchange earnings and how this is proposed to be met;

(b) whether any more foreign borrowing schemes are in the pipeline for purchase of more planes to clear rush of foreign tourists under liberalised schemes; and

(c) whether Indian tourists abroad have access to similar schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Indian Airlines has recently introduced three new schemes for promoting foreign tourist travel to and within India as per details given below.