

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) The Brahmaputra Board has prepared the Master Plan of the main stem of the river.

(b) and (c). The Plan is yet to be received by Government from the Board. The total cost and the likely time to achieve the objectives would depend upon the details of the Plan that is finally approved and the availability of resources.

(d) Yes, Sir.

[Translation]

Railway Service Agents at Madras Railway Station

4202. **SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Service Agents have been appointed at Madras railway station who will charge Rs. 8 and Rs. 15 extra on every second class and every first class ticket, respectively; and

(b) if so, the complete details of the arrangement so made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the arrangement are given in the scheme styled as "Authorisation of Rail Travellers' Service Agents Rules 1985" which was published in the Gazette of India Extra-ordinary Part II section 3 sub-section (ii) dated 5.12.85, copies of which were laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 27.2.1986.

[English]

Uncleaned Coaches of Darjeeling Mail

4203. **SHRI MANIK SANYAL :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that not a single First Class, A/C Sleeper or

Second Class Coach of Darjeeling Mail is ever kept neat and clean;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the condition of First Class coaches of Darjeeling Mail is very deplorable; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). While the condition of First Class coaches is generally satisfactory, special steps are being taken to refurbish First Class coaches on a planned programme basis. In addition to regular planned preventive maintenance and cleaning schedules, periodic drives are conducted to improve individual rake condition. Cleaning gangs have been provided at Burdwan a Malda Town for cleaning of this rake enroute.

Expansion of Patna Airport

4204. **SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the expansion of Patna Airport is expected to be completed;

(b) the time by which night lighting arrangement on extended portion of the runway will be completed; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the lighting arrangement is behind the time schedule fixed for it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Work on expansion of Patna airport is likely to be completed by the end of 1987.

(b) The work is expected to be completed by November, 1986.

(c) There has been a time overrun of four months in respect of one component of the project viz. conversion of existing Medium Intensity Runway Lighting into High Intensity Runway Lighting