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**Airport for Azamgarh**

2507. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct an airport at Azamgarh from where thousands of businessmen and other persons travel by air to different parts of the country or outside the country and if so, by what time; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, Varanasi and Gorakhpur airports adequately serve Azamgarh and other places in the area.

[*English*]

**Restoration of Passenger Trains cancelled on account of operational losses.**

2508. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government keep any record/accounting system of operational feasibility/profitability of passenger trains;

(b) if so, the names of trains which are incurring operational losses for more than a year as on 31 March, 1986 and 28 February, 1987;

(c) the names of passenger trains which have been stopped by Railways on account of operational losses; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the running of cancelled trains in

view of overall operational profitability of Indian Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Trainwise figures of expenditure, earnings, and profitability are not maintained.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Restoration of cancelled trains is being done in a phased manner.

**Reservation quota at Gangtok**

25 9. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present railway reservation quota allotted to Out Agent at Gangtok for different trains and in different classes;

(b) from which date the reservation quota as referred to in part (a) above is in force;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of the total reservation quota allotted to the Out Agents, 50 per cent reservation is to be utilised by Railway Administration;

(d) if so, the reasons for such reservation; and

(e) the steps taken to appoint Out Agents/City Booking Agents at Jorethang and South Sikkim to enable the people to avail of reservation facilities at different places in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The train-wise and class-wise reservation quotas available at Gangtok Out Agency and dates from which these quotas are effective are given below :