

Compartments for non-smokers

1668. SHRI PARASRAM BHAR-DWAJ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have reserved II class three-tier compartment of the 87 Up and 88 Dn.. Patna-Tata Express for non-smokers recently; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reserve certain compartments on an experimental basis in I class compartments also for non-smokers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. This has been done on experimental basis. Further decision in this regard will be taken after a review of the success or otherwise of the experiment.

Common User Terminal Equipment

1669. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce the Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) system at all international airports;

(b) if so, the details of this system and how far it will help the management and passengers;

(c) whether such system has been introduced in other countries also; if so, the names of those countries; and

(d) when the work is likely to be started for introducing the system and with whose help ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). I.A.A.I. are having discussions with airlines to consider the feasibility of introducing Common User Terminal Equip-

ment (CUTE) at the International Airports. The CUTE System will help in faster Check-in of departing passengers and reduce crowding in the departure areas at the terminal, thus improving the utilisation of facilities available.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some of the airports which have CUTE System are Frankfurt (West Germany), Los Angeles (USA), Chicago (USA), Honolulu (USA), Heathrow (UK), Cairo (Egypt), JFK (USA) and Raio-de-Janeiro (Brazil).

(d) The time-schedule for introduction of the System will be decided in consultation with the airlines keeping in view the delivery schedule of equipment.

Constitution of NRUC

1670. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on 7 April, 1988 to Unstarred Question No. 6121 regarding constitution of NRUC and state ;

(a) whether the National Railway Users Consultative Council (NRUC) has since been constituted;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor as well as the date by which it is likely to be constituted; and

(c) whether the National Railway Users Consultative Council has been non-functional for about six years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. National Railway Users' Consultative Council is constituted after constituting Zonal and Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committees, as members of these committees are also elected to represent on the NRUC. The constitution of these Committees is presently being finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.