

(a) whether Government are aware about the difficulties faced by the passengers at Hubli to get accommodation in Miraj-Bangalore, Kittur Express; and

(b) if so, whether in view of the heavy rush, Government are considering to introduce a direct night train between Hubli and Bangalore ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Occasional difficulty by Hubli passengers is reported. However, sleeper accommodation in the two slip coaches by 208 Kittur Express and through service coaches is considered adequate to cater to the normal level of traffic.

(b) No, Sir.

I.T.D C. hotel at Bannerghatta,
Karnataka

1875. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to construct an India Tourism Development Corporation hotel at Bannerghatta, National Park, Bangalore to facilitate domestic as well as foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, when the construction work is proposed to be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PAUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Local trains between Bangalore and
Hosur

1876. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the development of industrial town, Hosur, Government propose to introduce local trains between Bangalore and Hosur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in control system to
avoid Accidents

1877. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway accidents/collisions that took place due to poor and faulty signalling and communication system; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the working of the Control system to avoid such accidents ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) There have been no cases of train accidents/collisions due to poor and faulty signalling and communication systems.

There are, however, some accidents because of defective maintenance or unauthorised interference to signalling systems. During 1987-88 and in the first quarter of 1988-89 there were 5 accidents on this account.

(b) Intensive inspections and counselling of maintenance staff not to use short-cut methods in the maintenance of signalling equipment are being undertaken to avoid such accidents.

Accidents and collisions on South
Central Railways (Andhra
Pradesh)

1878. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of accidents and