

(a) whether Soviet Foreign Trade Organisation recently organised exhibitions in certain parts of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the places where exhibitions were organised with details thereof; and

(c) the details of business made in these exhibitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). The following exhibitions were recently organised in India by the Government of USSR in association with the Soviet Foreign Trade Association and the USSR Chamber of Commerce & Industry:

- i) Business Information Exhibition, Calcutta, September 1-5, 1988
- ii) Business Information Exhibition, Ranchi, September 18-23, 1988
- iii) Business Information Exhibition, Bhuvaneshwar, September 18-23, 1988

(c) These exhibitions were held exclusively by the Soviet side and there was no participation by the Trade Fair Authority of India. Hence details of the business booked are not available.

Over-bridges at Alwar and between Level Crossings 114-115 on Delhi-Ahmedabad Route

2028. SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of over-bridge near Alwar railway station in Rajasthan has been approved;

(b) whether State Government of Rajasthan and Urban Improvement Trust, Alwar have agreed to provide their share of finance for this project;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard;

(d) whether construction of over-bridge between level crossings 114 and 115 on Delhi-Ahmedabad meter-gauge route has been included in the works programme of the Railways; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The Government of Rajasthan have agreed to bear their share of the cost of the work.

(c) and (d). The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 277.24 lakhs which will be shared by the Railways (Rs. 120.49 lakhs) and the State Government (Rs. 156.75 lakhs). The proposal will be included in the Railways Works programme for 1989-90 along with similar proposals received from the other States and presented to the Parliament, in due course, for approval.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Publishing of Diaries and Calendars by Banks

2029. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Yeh Kaisa Bachat Abhiyan" appearing in Jansatta of 18 October, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for checking recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Government have seen the news-item referred to in the Question. Government had earlier advised

the public sector banks and financial institutions not to incur any expenditure on bringing out of calendars and diaries for the year 1989 in view of the need to continue measures to effect economy in expenditure. Subsequently, the matter was reviewed and it was decided to leave the matter to the individual banks' commercial judgement whether to bring out any calendar and diary for 1989. Government have not issued any instructions to public sector banks to purchase the Jawaharlal Nehru commemorative diary sets costing Rs. 225/- per set as alleged in the news-item.

[English]

Cancellation of Trains on Western Railway

2030. SHRI C.D. GAMIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some trains have been cancelled on Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Vadodara Divisions of Western Railway during 1 July, 1988 to 31 October, 1988;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many of them have since been restored; and

(d) the actions taken to restore the remaining ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). During this period, only one pair of trains on Narrow Gauge section was cancelled and still remains cancelled due to a bridge under repairs.

Quota of Berths at Rajkot

2031. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quotas of II Class berths for 506 Ashram from Rajkot railway station on Western Railway is not sufficient;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the same;

(c) whether Government have received representations from various organisations of Rajkot and other places to increase reservation quotas for Rajkot; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). The frequency of 505/506 Ashram Express has been increased from 4 days in a week to daily service from 1.11.88. Consequently, the availability of Second Class reserved accommodation has increased from 48 to 84 berths in a week at Rajkot and correspondingly at other places.

[Translation]

World Bank Loan for Hasdev Bango Dam in Madhya Pradesh

2032. DR. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects in Madhya Pradesh receiving financial assistance from the World Bank and the general guidelines laid down by the World Bank for giving these loans;

(b) the amount of loan sanctioned by World Bank for 'Hasdev-Bango Dam' project of Bilaspur district;

(c) the amount received so far;

(d) whether there is undue delay in the construction of the left and right side of Hasdev Bango Dam; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to avoid any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Madhya Pradesh Major Irrigation Project and Madhya Pradesh (Chambal) II Irrigation Project are receiving World Bank credit on the usual terms and conditions, namely, 50 years' ma-