

(c) and (d). One of the major difficulties of the exporters of fresh fruits and vegetables had been non-availability of air-cargo space. In pursuance of the efforts made by the Ministry of Commerce with Ministry of Civil Aviation, Air India etc., it has been decided to permit both scheduled and non-scheduled freighter operators/Airlines to provide services during peak months.

[*Translation*]

New Train Between Delhi-Hathras

3465. SHRI PURAN CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce a new train service between Hathras-Delhi on the pattern of 2/1 FTD in view of inadequate train services on this route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Calcutta Metro Rail Projects

3466. SHRI V. SREENIVASAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of completion of the existing projects pertaining to Calcutta Metro Rail has been as per schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the consequences thereof in terms of cost escalation and time overrun; and

(c) the action being taken and proposed

to be taken to expedite the completion of the project?

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

(b) Progress of work has been hampered due to delay in acquisition of the plots of land by the West Bengal State Government. It will take 33 months to complete the project after the remaining plots of land are made available. The precise cost escalation would depend on as to when these plots are handed over by the State Government.

(c) West Bengal Government is being pursued vigorously for the immediate handing over of the remaining plots of land. Also, the Project is being given priority in the allotment of funds, as required.

Export of Agriculture Products

3467. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume and value of exports of agricultural products during the last two years, year-wise and the estimated export thereof during the current financial year;

(b) the names of the different items of farm products exported during the above years and to which countries; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the exports of farm products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). A statement is given below.

(c) (i) Promotion of exports through relevant Commodity Boards, Export Promo-