

car service; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to restore the service?

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

(b) Pantry car service on 23 Dn/24 Up Bombay Ferozepur Janata Express licensed to M/s Shah Caterers was discontinued from 25.8.88 on account of lock-out declared by the licenses due to labour problem.

(c) Some such representations have been received. Satisfactory alternative arrangements exist for catering from static units for this train.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Vending Stalls on Bombay Suburban Railway

3586. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tea, refreshments, book and fruit stalls allotted during the period April 1988 to March 1989 on suburban section of Bombay; and

(b) the criteria adopted for allotment of these stalls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) One.

(b) Allotment of catering/vending contracts is done by the Zonal Railways on inviting applications through press notifications and/or notices displayed at Railway Stations where necessary. Applications so received are scrutinised by a Screening Committee and based on their recommen-

dations, the contract is awarded to the most suitable candidate on merits.

Punctuality of Trains on Churchgate-Virar Section

3587. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the punctuality rate of suburban trains running between Churchgate and Virar on Western Railway during 1987, 1988 and 1989;

(b) whether the punctuality rate had come down; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures being taken to increase the rate of punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)

1987	-	93.0%
1988	-	92.8%
1989 (upto 31st July, 1989)	-	93.6%

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bandra Terminal (Bombay)

3588. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether development work on Bandra Terminal, Western Railway, in Bombay has been stopped for the last two months; and