

(ब) उक्त दिन प्रति महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों तथा रेल अधिकारियों के लिए सड़क परिवहन की सुरक्षित व्यवस्था उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कारें बाड़े पर की गयी थीं। इन कारों के संचालन का विस्तृत विवरण नहीं रखा गया है।

**Purchase of French Mirage planes
by Pakistan**

6983. SHRI CHATURBHUI:
SHRI NATVERLAL B.
PARMAR:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the press that Pakistan is negotiating the purchase of 32 French Mirage fighter bombers in a contract worth \$ 250 million; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have on several occasions indicated their concern at such arms sales to Pakistan as these could lead to the destabilisation of the situation in South Asia and upset the process of normalisation of relations between India and Pakistan.

Wagon hold up in N.F. Railways

6984. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons that have been held up at various places/yards of North Eastern Region under NF Railway on each occasion during 1978 and 1979 along with the reasons and how soon they were moved;

(b) whether some recognised Railway Unions, affiliated to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, have recently stopped work and detained the movement of wagons in NF Railway and also detained/harassed the willing workers;

(c) whether the Union had not complied with the rules in giving the required period of notice;

(d) if so, what action Government have, so far taken/proposed to take in this connection as also to provide security to willing workers; and

(e) the details of measures taken during the wagon held-ups to transport essential and perishable goods and whether any compensation is being paid to the affected business community whose goods were held-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) On an average 845 Broad Gauge and 1240 Metre Gauge wagons per day were held up during the year 1978-79. The hold-up of wagons was due to various factors such as agitations by the Yard, Loco Maintenance Shunting & Cabin Staff, Assam Bundh, high incidence of crew claiming rest, en-route shortage of coal, floods and breaches on Eastern Railways etc.