

ssing factories. On receipt of concrete proposals from Mozambique, a small team would be deputed for studying various aspects of small scale industries. The Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) would co-operate with Mozambican State Railways in management. An agreement in principal has been signed between RITES and the Mozambican National Directorate for Ports and Railways. Details of cooperation in areas such as rail tracks construction, rehabilitation, maintenance, civil construction, implementation of CTC (Centralised Traffic Control) systems, would be worked out in due course.

Theft cases in Neelachal Express from April 1980 to 31st October

3394 SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of theft cases registered by the passengers of Neelachal Express from April 1980 till 31st October;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact about the negligence of the railway staff to supply water to this train at different big stations; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check crimes and to punish the concerned staff who are creating difficulties for the passengers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) One case of dacoity and 25 cases of thefts were reported by the passengers of Neelachal Express to the Police during the period April to October, 1980.

(b) No complaint in this regard from the passengers has been received by the concerned Railways. Over-head tanks of coaches are being fully replenished with water at origi-

nating stations i.e. Puri and New Delhi and checked at the platform before the train starts. During the journey of the train, over-head tanks are checked and replenished at important intermediate stations both in up and down directions.

Arrangement have been made by the railways to supply drinking water through watermen from the bucket or 'gharas' filled with potable drinking water or water trolleys which are moved from one end of the train to the other. Besides this, taps, water coolers, etc., have also been provided at the platforms for providing drinking water to passengers.

(c) As no specific complaint about negligence of railway staff has come to the notice of the Railways, the question of punishing the staff concerned does not arise.

With a view to preventing cases of thefts and robbery/dacoity on the train, Neelachal Express is being escorted by the armed police personnel during its night run. The Government Railways Police staff have been deputed at important railway stations to keep watch over the movement and activities of criminals and suspicious characters. TTEs/Conductors/Attendants have been instructed to remain vigilant to prevent entry of unauthorised persons in train coaches.

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3395. श्री विरहा राम दूलू वाडिया :
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोधपुर से भीलड़ी बरास्ता समदारी चलने वाली एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी को प्रहमदाबाद तक बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह प्रस्ताव सरकार द्वारा कब तक स्वीकार किया जायेगा ; और