

institutes to train young boys for service in Saloon|Deck|Engine Room Departments on board Merchant Ships.

(b) and (c). Very rapid technological developments take place in shipping and consequently the training facilities must keep pace with these technological changes. Training institutions therefore always need to be modernised, updated and equipped to meet the global minimum standards. An endeavour is always made in this direction.

An Expert Committee has been set up by the Government to review the pattern of training and to suggest the future set up of training facilities for Ratings.

A Plan of Operations has also been signed with Norwegian Government on 2-7-1979 for procurement of modern equipments to meet our train ing needs.

Security Measure in Neelachal Express

4331. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances are not rare when dacoits have looted Neelachal express and snatched the belongings of the passengers; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to provide security guards in each bogies of this train and to provide iron railings in the windows of air conditioned two tier bogies and the date by which all these security measures will be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Since January, 1980 till date only one case of dacoity has been reported in Neelachal Express, in which too the gang involved has been detected and charge sheet has been submitted in the case which is sub-judice.

(b) Security guards in each bogie of this train has not been provided. However, escorting of this train by armed Government Railway Police and R.P.F. personnel is being done during its night run.

All air conditioned coaches including A.C. 2-tier sleeper coaches are provided with double-glass windows to seal the coach from atmosphere. These window glasses being fixed provide enough security and prevent any access to miscreants through the windows. There is no advantage in providing window bars. The doors of these coaches are however, provided with window bars.

Prime Minister's Statement Regarding "Signal of a Major War"

4332. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of the Prime Minister to the effect that there exist "alarming signal of a major war" published in the Italian Newspapers "Corriers Della Sera" on 20th February, 1981;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avert such a tragic event?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of this statement which was published in the "Corriers Della Sera" on the 20th February 1981. The report is based on an answer given by the Prime Minister to a question about the international situation in the context of the increasing tensions in different parts of Asia due to Great Power confrontation and the reversal of the process of detente.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has been in touch with the other Governments in this region and in other parts of the world to