

Scooter contract at Kanpur was awarded w.e.f. 1 February, 1979 in favour of M/s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd. Allahabad;

(b) whether the agreement provided a clause for extension of contract in favour of the Licence for a further period of two years on same terms, conditions and rates;

(c) if not, what were the reasons for extension of contract, when the society remained a habitual defaulter in depositing the railway dues during the contractual period and even thereafter; and

(d) whether it is a fact that on account of undue interference by the Ministry of Railways, the Divisional authorities could not take action to terminate the contract for violation of terms and conditions of the contract?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Cycle/Scooter contract at Kanpur was awarded to M/s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad for a period of two years from 1.2.1979 on the basis of tenders and the agreement entered into contained the terms and conditions about the payment of licence fee, rates of charges for parking of cycle, Auto-Cycles, Scooters and Motor Cycles and other details of the said contract. There was no provision in the agreement for the extension of the contract, however, as a result of several representations through a Member of Parliament who recommended extension of the contract of the Samiti on the basis of satisfactory performance, it was decided to renew the contract for a period of two years from 1.2.1981.

(d) No.

Delhi Ring Railway

9117. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the Capital's ring railway including the route, frequency of trains and the anticipated traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Railways have planned to introduce Electrified Commuter Services on the Ring Railway. The Project is estimated to cost Rs. 35 crores and has been planned to be completed by 30-6-1982 EMU Services when introduced would serve Nizamuddin, Lajpat Nagar, Sewa Nagar, Lodhi Colony, Sarojini Nagar, Safdarjung, Chanakapuri, Sardar Patel Marg, Brar Square, Narain Vihar, Kirti Nagar, Patel Nagar, Dayabasti, Delhi Kishan Ganj, Sadar Bazar, New Delhi Minto Bridge, Tilak Bridge, Pragati Maidan, Delhi Main, Shakurbasti, Okhla and Tughlakabad. During the morning and evening peak period it would provide 15 minutes service in peak flow direction and 30 minutes service in non peak flow direction. Besides this skelton services will also run from Shakurbasti to Delhi and Delhi to Tughlakabad and vice versa. With the introduction of Electric Suburban Train Services a total of 2.7 lakh passenger trips shall be cleared daily by the railway.

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9118. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over the years the Sahitya Akademi has failed to give a lead to encourage literature in the country as it has patronised the work of its own members in preference to the outstanding work done by others;

(b) whether the Khosla Commission had also suggested that in selection