

Centre, Bombay, high dose methotrexate (a drug) is being tried for this purpose. Such experiences in our country are limited due to high costs involved.

Luxury Launch 'Raj Hans' for the Transport of Heads Attending Chogm

3818. SHRI DIGAMBER SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry bore the entire or part of the cost of constructing the luxury launch, 'Raj Hans for the transport of heads attending CHOGM during their visit to Goa ;

(b) if so, details thereof ; and

(c) how will this launch be used for public transport and tourists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c): The Ministry of Shipping and Transport did not bear the entire or part of the cost of construction of luxury launch 'Raj Hans' for the transport of Heads attending CHOGM during their visit to Goa. The entire cost of launch viz., Rs. 25 lakhs has been borne out of the Plan funds of the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, The launch though used for CHOGM retreat was actually purchased to replace the forty year old launch 'CABO' of Lt. Governor and is not meant for public transport or tourists.

Translation of Works of Kashmiri Poets

3819. SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether works of noted Kashmiri poets like Ghulam Ahmed Mehjoor and Abdul Ahad Azad have been translated into English, Hindi and other regional languages ; and

(b) what steps are being envisaged for introducing and popularising the message and cultural ethos of Kashmiri's cultural heritage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND

CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) According to the Sahitya Akadmi, translations of some poems of Ghulam Ahmed Mehjoor have been published in Sahitya Akademi's journal 'Indian Literature'. English translations of Abdul Ahad Azad are available in 'Indian Poetry Today' Vol. 3 published by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, and 'Studies in Kashmiri Poetry' by J.L. Kaul published by Kapoor Bros., 1968 and those of Ghulam Ahmed Mehjoor in 'Anthology of Indian Literatures' edited by K. Santhanam, published by Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, and Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay and 'Indian Poetry Today' Vol. 3, published by Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

(b) Kashmir's culture is an integral part of India's rich cultural heritage. Every effort is made to promote cultural-interaction among different regions through Inter-State Exchange of Cultural Troupes, participation of eminent persons representing various art forms and literature in national and international functions. Celebrations are also organised in the memory of eminent personalities highlighting their contribution to India's rich cultural heritage from time to time.

Confirmation of Catering Staff in Railways

3820. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 8999 on 28 April, 1983 regarding confirmation of Catering Staff in Railways and state :

(a) total number of permanent posts available in the grade of Rs. 425-640, Rs. 550-750 and Rs. 700-900 in the catering department in each Unit and Headquarters Offices ;

(b) how many of them have been confirmed grade-wise ; and

(c) what are the rules of confirmation and by what time the remaining staff will be confirmed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected from Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.