

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b). A Trade Protocol on the exchange of goods between India and Czechoslovakia during 1972 was signed in Prague in October, 1971. The Protocol provides for a trade turnover of Rs. 96.4 crores between the two countries during the coming year. It also envisages a sizeable increase in India's exports of non-traditional commodities to Czechoslovakia.

Introduction of new set of Long Distance Classless Trains

331. SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHUM :
SHRI R. S. PANDEY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to introduce a new set of long distance trains without different classes;

(b) if so, the broad features of the Schemes; and

(c) when they are likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. Only Janata Express type of trains which provide accommodation exclusively for III class passengers are being run and gradually extended on different routes.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Ban on Tamil Dailies by Ceylon

332. SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHAM : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ceylon had imposed a ban on the import of some Tamil dailies; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was taken up by our High Commission in Colombo with the Government of Ceylon, and it is proposed to pursue it further with the Ceylonese authorities.

Increase in Speed of Mail Trains

333. SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to increase the speed of mail trains without detaching Railway mail vans therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : The Mail Vans have been suitably modified for high speed operation and have not been detached from the Mail trains which have been speeded up w.e.f. 1.11.1971.

Cancellation of Trains in Sealdah Division (Eastern Railway)

334. SHRI MADHURYYA HALDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cancellation of trains daily in the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway since July last and the reasons thereof;

(b) the number of over-head copper-wire thefts in Sealdah Division since July last, the number of dislocation of train services thereby and also the loss incurred by the Railways; and

(c) the number of thefts in Chitpur yard during this period and the loss thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The average number of trains cancelled per day in Sealdah Division was 38 in July, 48 in August and 37 each in September and October, 1971.