

Extension of Train

5044. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend Hazrat Nizamuddin-Gwalior Taj Express upto New Delhi Railway Station as per the earlier schedule;

(b) whether the Government also propose to re-introduce the catering services in the Taj Express; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Extension of Taj Express upto New Delhi is presently not feasible due to non-availability of spare terminal/maintenance facilities at New Delhi station.

As per extant policy pantry cars are provided in order of priority on selected long distance Mail/Express trains keeping in view the timings, stoppages, adequacy of catering services from static units enroute, etc. subject to availability of pantry cars and maximum permissible load of the train.

[*Translation*]

Dropping of Transmitters

5045. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unidentified aeroplane dropped nine bags containing the foreign transmitters near the Jafflaun Railway Station in July, 1996;

(b) the contents of the arms and goods found in the bags;

(c) whether the vigilance branch of the Central Government had any prior information of the movement of the aeroplane; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) The facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Superfast Train Engines

5046 SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Superfast long distance trains of the Central Railway run with the help of goods train engines;

(b) if so, whether there is a dearth of Superfast train engines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to procure adequate Superfast train engines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Goods train locomotives are however deployed, occasionally as a distress measure, whenever the locomotive of a superfast train fails in the section.

(b) No, Sir. There is no dearth of locomotives fit for working superfast trains.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Seeds of Pulses

5047. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the assistance provided by the Union Government to State Governments in the form of quality seeds of pulses during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): A statement is enclosed.

*Allocation of funds made under N.P.D.P.
for Seed Component*

(Rs. in lakhs)			
S.No.	State/U.T.	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	77.00	56.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.50	2.50
3.	Assam	10.00	8.00
4.	Bihar	108.00	85.00
5.	Goa	2.00	2.50
6.	Gujarat	62.00	54.00
7.	Haryana	54.00	22.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9.00	11.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6.00	20.00
10.	Karnataka	82.00	25.00

1	2	3	4
11.	Kerala	4.00	4.50
12.	Madhya Pradesh	285.00	271.00
13.	Maharashtra	170.00	191.00
14.	Manipur	4.00	4.00
15.	Meghalaya	4.00	4.00
16.	Nagaland	8.00	8.00
17.	Orissa	66.00	65.00
18.	Punjab	17.00	16.00
19.	Rajasthan	186.00	186.00
20.	Sikkim	7.00	7.00
21.	Tamil Nadu	80.00	80.00
22.	Tripura	4.00	4.00
23.	Uttar Pradesh	230.00	230.00
24.	West Bengal	20.00	20.00
25.	A & N Islands	1.20	0.50
26.	Delhi	0.50	0.50
Total		1499.20	1437.50

[Translation]

Container Service

5048. SHRI TARA CHAND BHAGORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in the country where the container service has been provided;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide this service in Jaipur in near future; and

(c) if so, the time by which the said service would be introduced in Jaipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Container Service has been provided by Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a Public Sector Unit under the Ministry of Railways, in twenty-two cities of the country.

(b) and (c) An Inland Container Depot (ICD) is already being operated by Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation (RAJSICO) at Sanganer near Jaipur. This ICD is presently linked by road. CONCOR proposes to start rail transport of containers shortly.

World Bank Loan for Agriculture

5049. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has granted loan to various States in the country for the development of agriculture during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of funds granted since 1993-94 till the end of 1995-96, State-wise;

(c) whether this amount has been utilised by the State Governments for the development of agriculture;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(e) the rate of increase likely to be registered in the development of agriculture as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of assistance provided to each State is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The facts regarding utilisation is given in the enclosed statement as the assistance by the World Bank to the States is given by way of the reimbursement. The Projects are ongoing. The Projects are to minimise the process of ecological degradation, enhance the level of agriculture production and for creating basic infrastructure for multi-sectoral activities, keeping in view the overall agriculture strategies and priorities of the beneficiary States. The projects have impact in terms of increase in cropping intensity and productivity augmented income generation from such productivity activities as crop husbandry, agro-forestry, dry land horticulture, live stock management, rural roads, drinking water, minor irrigation, the infrastructural facilities for varietal development of Seed etc., which could be effective in increasing agricultural production and help in poverty alleviation in the rural areas of the States.