

*[Translation]***Supply of Ozonised Water to Passengers**

850. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
DR. ASHOK PATEL :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme for making available free 'ozonised' safe drinking water to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which and the names of the Railway Stations where this scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir. However, potable drinking water is made available at the stations to the passengers free of cost.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

*[English]***Manufacturing of Railway Coach by BGML**

851. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approached the Ministry of Railways for obtaining orders for the manufacturing of Railway coaches by the Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b) Department of Mines has not approached the Ministry of Railways for obtaining orders for manufacturing railway coaches. BGML have no facility to manufacture Railway coaches. However, BGML has been awarded, as a result of their participation in a tender process, developmental order for 60 nos Boxn Type Wagons in February 1998 for a total value of Rs. 3.02 crores of which 3 nos prototype have to be manufactured and approved by the RDSO, Bangalore, before executing balance quantity.

*[Translation]***Malpractices in Army Recruitment Centre, U.P.**

852. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any raid was ever conducted during the recruitment in the Army Recruitment Centre at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of recruitments reported to have been made by giving bribe in connivance with the army officers; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to investigate the irregularities and malpractices being committed in this centre?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

*[English]***Pak Troops in J&K**

853. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the former Pakistan Army Chief General is reported to have admitted intrusion of their troops into J&K in 1990 when Islamabad sponsored militancy in the State was at its peak as published in the 'Times of India' dated October 21, 1998; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The LOC was delineated on maps after the Simla Agreement. It does not run along clearly discernible natural features, instead passes over rugged and inaccessible terrain. It has not been demarcated on the ground and no boundary pillars exist. Given the lay of the ground there is a tendency by local commanders to establish moral ascendancy. The Pak Army made several unsuccessful attempts to cross the LOC in J&K in 1990 and 1991 when insurgency with Pakistan support was at its peak.