GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5925 ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000 DEDUCTION FROM SALARY DADICHILUKA VEERA GOURI SANKARA RAO;V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Fake Note Fallout on Rly BookingStaff's pay packet" appearing in the Times of India dated March 15, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the measures being taken to tackle the situation; and
- (d) the steps taken to reimburse the amount to booking clerks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Currency notes tendered at booking/reservation offices are accepted in good faith. In case, fake notes are accepted then their detection is generally done at a later stage. As per normal practice, the staff is responsible for deficiency in cash collected and such shortages are recovered from them. Since it is difficult to detect fake notes in the normal course, staff are being given training and counselling to detect fake notes. Fake note detecting machines have also been installed at various locations to help in tackling the problem. The reimbursement depends on the merits of each case.