

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce a new superfast train from Bareilly junction to Kanpur and Lucknow via Badaun Kasganj; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Air Services from Thiruvanthapuram and Calicut to Gulf Countries

752. PROF. K.V.THOMAS:
SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new air services from Thiruvanthapuram and Calicut to Gulf Countries; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No new air service from Thiruvanthapuram is proposed to be started. The feasibility of operating air services from Calicut to Gulf countries is, however, being examined.

Celebration of Red Cross Flag Week

753. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Red Cross Flag Week was celebrated by the Indian Red Cross Society at New Delhi during first week of November, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Red Cross Society has provided any relief works in the victims of recent earth quake in Uttarkashi areas of U.P.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Indian Red Cross Society has informed that the Flag Week was held by its Delhi Branch from 1 to 7 November, 1991 in Union Territory of Delhi. The Delhi Branch distributed 1,308 donation boxes to schools, colleges, institutions and volunteers to make collections. By the end of December, 1991, all boxes will be received back at this Section and collections would be counted.

(c) and (d). The Indian Red Cross Society has provided relief to the victims of recent earthquake in Uttarkashi areas of Uttar Pradesh, the details of which are as under:-

i) Blankets	12,745 Nos.
ii) Woolen Garments	16,895 Nos.
iii) Milk Powder	1,000 Kg.
iv) High Protein Biscuits	2,000 Kg.
v) Polythene sheeting	30 Rolls.