

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Sales turnover of the departmental units and licence realised from private licencees at Howrah is as under:

Year	Licence Fee (Rs. in thousands)	Sales Turnover (Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	42.6	1.59
1994-95	42.6	1.75
1995-96	42.6	3.62

Return Reservation Facilities

1994. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to link up Agartala with Delhi, Mumbai, Madras and Secunderabad so as to ensure return reservation facilities for the people there;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Bookings for onward and return journey reservations can be made from Agartala for all trains originating from the stations linked to the reservation system at Calcutta.

The facility of onward and return journey reservations from the stations linked to the other four reservation systems can become available at all reservation offices, including Agartala only when networking of the five reservation systems is established. For this purpose networking software is in the development and testing phase.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in Number of Coaches

1995. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since taken any decision to increase the number of coaches with the passenger trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Rampurihat, Barharwa, Danapur, Salar passenger trains are running with less number of coaches;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of coaches with these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) In-

creasing number of coaches in Passenger trains keeping in view the traffic, hauling capacity of locomotive, availability of coaches and other facilities is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Some Passenger trains on these sections are running underload due to paucity of 2nd class coaches.

(e) Action is being taken to increase the number of coaches on these trains gradually with the improvement in availability of 2nd class coaches.

Restaurants Working under Hotel Janpath and Hotel Samrat

1996. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Restaurants presently working under the Hotel Janpath and Hotel Samrat, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the management is constantly trying to close down and to destroy the costliers glass works and furniture for enabling private contractors to run the business;

(c) whether such an effort is damaging the reputation of the ITDC;

(d) whether any enquiry has been ordered to fix up accountability of the Officers who have been failing to run the restaurants merely for lapses;

(e) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The details of restaurants operating in Hotels Janpath and Samrat are given hereunder:

Hotel Janpath

1. Gulnar - Indian Cuisine
 2. Orbit - Buffet serving Indian, Continental and Chinese food
 3. Mandarin Room - Chinese
 4. The Coffee Shop
 5. Food Plaza* - Fast food multi-cuisine restaurant
- *Being operated by private party on lease basis.

Hotel Samrat

1. Gardenia - 24 hour Coffee Shop
2. Baradari - Indian Cuisine

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Change in cuisines, interiors and leasing out restaurant activity to private party is considered based on the demand and in the business interests of the Corporation. Leasing out speciality restaurants on selected basis generates ensured income and also attracts guests who prefer that speciality cuisine.