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Transportation of Betel Baskets

8643. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken for quick transportation of betel baskets from machedo, Panskura, Howrah, Bagnan and Srirampur stations in south Eastern of Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) Betel leaves being a perishable parcel traffic gets priority for clearance by Mail/Express trains. For clearance of the traffic from these stations, arrangements for loading have been made on various Mail/Express trains originating passing through these stations.

Computerisation of Reservations in Rajasthan

8644 SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the reservation system is being computerised in different stations for different trains

(b) if so, the railway stations in Rajasthan where computerised reservation system has been introduced,

(c) whether Government have a proposal to introduce computerised railway reservation facility in some more station in Rajasthan during 1990-91, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) The reservation system has been computerised at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Secunderabad,

Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Bhopal and Lucknow. The system covers all the trains originating or passing through these stations. The system will be extended to nine more stations, viz. Pune, Guwahati, Jaipur, Patna, Gorakhpur, Trivandrum, Jammu Tawi, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack during 1990-91.

(b) No railway station in Rajasthan has been provided this facility so far.

(c) and (d) This facility is scheduled to be extended to Jaipur during 1990-91.

Emergency Oxygen System in IL-62 Aircraft

8645 SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the IL-62 aircraft operation in India-USSR sector on Wet Lease Agreement have Emergency Oxygen System in the cabin,

(b) if not, whether it is a grave risk to the life of crew and passengers in the case of decompression,

(c) if so, whether Government are reviewing the Wet Lease Agreement, and

(d) whether it is feasible to operate Air India's 747 Jumbos on this sector?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) to (c) This type of aircraft does not have oxygen masks which fall automatically in case of cabin decompression. However, oxygen bottles have been provided in the aircraft. This present Agreement between Air India and Aeroflot, for wet lease on One IL-62 M Passenger aircraft is valid till 14th November, 1990.

(d) Yes, Sir