

Cold Storage Carriages in Trains

6173. SHRI CHOOTEY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether perishable commodities like fish are transported from Hyderabad to Nizamuddin by trains and during this long journey these commodities become unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce/provide cold storage carriages for transportation of these items; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Perishable parcels including fish are being moved from Hyderabad to Delhi (Nizamuddin) by 7021 Dakshin Express. Only two package of fish and a few packages of fruits/lemon were spoiled during transit.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A few refrigerated Parcel Vans were provided by the Railways in the past for transportation of perishable parcels but the same were discontinued for want of adequate patronage.

Train Between Hasanabad and Sealdah

6174. SHRI MANORANJAN SUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 30 lakh people suffer due to absence of direct train from Hasanabad to Sealdah;

(b) if so, whether any representation has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The passengers travelling between Hasanabad and Sealdah do face some difficulty in changing over at Barasat. It is, however, not feasible to quantify the exact number of passengers travelling between these two points.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Transit Quarters for Railway Telephone Operators.

6175. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether transit quarters (specially constructed) have been allotted to Telephone Operators in Railway Board's cadre in view of their duties; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Eight transit quarters have been earmarked for allotment to Telephone Operators borne on the Board's cadre and have been allotted to them on the basis of their joining the office of Railway Board.

Rail Link Between Neemuch and Dohad

6176. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct any survey for linking Neemuch (Madhya Pradesh) with Dohad (Gujarat) via