

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

Pratapgarh and Banswara (Rajasthan) by rail link; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Booking of Cattle from Punjab

6177. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Cows and Oxen booked from Punjab to Howrah (Calcutta) during the last three years by the Railway authorities;

(b) whether Railway authorities insist on getting certificates about age and physical fitness of these animals before booking; and

(c) if so, the competent authority to issue such certificates?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) During the last three years, 49716 Cows and 33248 oxen were booked from Punjab to Howrah.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Veterinary Officer, Animal Husbandry.

[*Translation*]

Land Acquired by D.V.C. for Various Dams

6178. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large area of land of various villages was acquired for Tilaiya, Konar, Bokaro, Maithan, Panchet, Chandrapura and Bermodams of the Damodar Valley Corporation rendering thousands of homeless;

(b) the number of displaced persons rehabilitated and the number of those who have been provided job so far;

(c) the policy of Government in this regard; and

(d) the future strategy in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Due to land acquisition, more than 20,000 displaced families were rehabilitated by providing separate land/cash compensation. As per records, from 1978 onwards till date, 338 land losers have been provided employment in Damodar Valley Corporation.

(c) and (d). For recent projects, a scheme has been devised to offer land to the displaced persons at other places, and provisions are made for amenities like road, electricity, water supply, school, health centre etc. In addition, land losers will be provided jobs in Group 'C' posts of DVC to the extent of 30% against future vacancies.

[*English*]

Petrol Pumps in Bhilwara, Rajasthan

6179. SHRI HEMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot petrol/diesel pumps in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the names of the places where