

[*Translation*]

**Ticketless Travellers**

\*355. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ticketless travellers apprehended during June to September 1985; and

(b) whether Government are considering to give some special training to guards and booking clerks with a view to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) 16.52 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

**Construction and Operation of Inland Container Depots in Private Sector**

\*357. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways have asked the private sector to take over construction and operation of inland container depots;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the Tatas are going to set up inland container depots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) It has been decided to invite outside parties including those in public and private sector to operate Inland Container Depots on suitable terms and conditions.

(b) To relieve the pressure on the limited plan resources allocated to the Railways and thereby increase their availability for various other important needs.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

[*Translation*]

**Serving Liquor in Air-India Planes**

\*358. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for which liquor is served openly to VIPs in Air-India planes ;

(b) whether Government propose to impose restriction on it in the context of the prohibition policy of the Government ; and

(c) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Air India follows the practice of serving free liquor to its first class/business class passengers, like other international carriers.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Since this practice is followed by all major airlines, it is not proposed to restrict the practice. Such a step may divert the high-fare paying passengers of Air India to other airlines, leading to decline of traffic and consequent loss of revenue to Air India.

[*English*]

**Modernisation of Major Ports During the Seventh Plan**

\*361. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state: