

### Railway Wagons

\*221. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are missing and unconnected foodgrain wagons;

(b) if so, the number of wagons missing and the approximate value of the foodgrains loaded therein;

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present;

(d) the reasons for their being misplaced; and

(e) the steps being taken to prevent such incidents in future and the instructions issued to the concerned departments against such mishandling of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The "missing" foodgrain wagons were reconciled with the "unconnected" wagons delivered to Food Corporation of India from 1967-68 to 1983-84. The net claim of Food Corporation of India works out to 6773 bags of foodgrains equivalent to 28 wagons valued at Rs. 11 lakhs approximately. Such reconciliation is a continuous process.

(d) Diversion by Railways and Food Corporation of India on account of operational necessity.

(e) Incidence of diversion during transit is being minimised.

### Gold for Savings

\*222. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unit Trust of India (UTI) is finalising a scheme for mobilising savings in return of gold to Unit holders after some passage of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the scheme has been accepted by Government; and

(d) if so, when the scheme will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d). The Unit Trust of India (UTI) has submitted a proposal to the Government for approval of a scheme called "Master Gold Unit Scheme" (MGUS). The Scheme aims at mobilisation of savings from resident Indian individuals. Government have not yet taken a final decision in regard to the proposed MGUS.

### Tirupati Devasthanam Loan to Mauritius

\*223. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Thirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) has agreed to provide interest free loan to Mauritius;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposal has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Thirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) has sought permission of the Government of India for providing an interest free loan of Rs. 15 lakhs to Mauritius based Shri Venketeshwara Devasthanam Trust. The proposal is under consideration.

### Swan Channelisation Project of Himachal Pradesh

\*224. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand was made to the Prime Minister during his visit to Una in Himachal Pradesh on 14 October, 1988 regarding the early sanction and construction of Swan Channelisation Project to harness