

and other foreigners working in Nigeria have been frozen by the Nigeria Government which has recently taken steps to slow down the rate of foreign exchange out-flow ;

(c) if so, whether some Indians complained of their inability to send foreign drafts to their homes since last October ;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(d) whether any request has been made by the Indian Government to the Nigerian Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM : (a) No, Sir. According to the available information the Government of Nigeria have not frozen remittances of the foreigners including Indians.

(b) Government have not received any complaint from Indians in Nigeria.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Ship 'Bharat Seema' Operation Between Mainland and Lakshadweep.

*806. SHRI M.M. LAWRENCE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a ship named 'Bharat Seema' is in service between Mainland and Lakshadweep ;

(b) if so, from which country it was bought and in which year ;

(c) in which year it was built ; and

(d) whether any complaint has been received regarding the seaworthiness of the above ship.

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Norway—November 1981.

(c) 1973.

(d) No, Sir.

Facilities provided at Malda and other comparable Railway Stations

807. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI SURAJ BHAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) railway facilities provided or proposed for the travelling public and railway officers and others of Malda in the past seven months and expenditure estimates on each of them ; and

(b) names of other similarly important railway stations where similar facilities to the same extent have been provided or proposed in the same period ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (Placed in library. See No Lt 6525/83)

Railway Service Commission Policy of Advertisement for Employment in Newspapers.

8980. SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRAKASAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the policy of the Railway Service Commission regarding publishing advertisements for employment in the newspapers ;

(b) whether the advertisement RSC/MAS-EN No. 4/82-83 has been published in English Newspapers being published from Madurai and Madras, if not, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the above advertisement was published only in Tamil Newspapers and not in English Newspapers ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not publishing the advertisement in English newspapers ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) Advertisements of the Railway Service Commissions are