

[English]

Improvement in the Service of Goa-Delhi Express

47. PROF. GOPALRAO MAYEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the public response to the newly started Goa-Delhi Express;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions to improve the service; and

(c) if so, the action proposed by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The occupation of Goa-Delhi Express is satisfactory.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The suggestions made are regarding provision of Pantry Car, stoppage at some more stations enroute, enhancement of quota at Satara, allotment of quota at Sanvordem and provision of a connecting train service from Kolhapur to Miraj for Goa Express. While the suggestions regarding the enhancement of quota at Satara and allotment of quota at Sanvordem have been implemented, it is not feasible to provide other facilities at present.

Air Service in Trivandrum by Emirates

48. SHRISURESHKODIKKUNNIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Gulf countries have requested to Government of India for permission of air service to Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given permission for air service in Trivandrum to Emirates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (e). States of Qatar, Bahrain and U.A.E. had approached Government of India for permitting their designated airlines to operate flights from/to Trivandrum. This was, however, not allowed because Trivandrum is not available as a point of call to the aforesaid carriers under the existing bilateral air services arrangements.

Air Flight from Bombay to Kerala

49. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers traveled by air from Bombay to Kerala during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively;

(b) the number out of them who came from abroad;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of flights to the airports in Kerala; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the facilities for more aircrafts to land day and night at Cochin, Trivandrum and Calicut airports?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned, the number of passengers who travelled from Bombay to Kerala on the sectors operated by it and the