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तक इस बात का प्रश्न है कि हम प्लेटफ़ार्म इत्यादि ऐक्सेसरीज, इमर्प्लामेट्स ग्रीर इक्विपमेंट बनायें तो मैं माननीय सदस्य को बताना चाहता हं कि बोम्बे हाई के कारण तेल की सम्भावना बढ़ी है और अपने देश के ग्रन्दर, ही क्षमता की स्थापना कर रहे हैं। मझगांव डाक में प्लेटफार्म बनाना शुरू हो गया है जो खद केन्द्रीय सरकार का अपना डाकयार्ड है और सदन को प्रसन्नता होगी कि पहली बार भारत में इस तरह का कार्य शुरू हुन्ना है जिसको शुरू हुए लगभग दो माह हो गयं हैं ग्रीर हमारी ग्राणा है कि हमकी उस से हर साल में 3, 4, 5 प्लेटफ़ार्म बनन भीर मिलने शुरू हो जायेंगे।

Oral Answers

Scheme to abolish Classes on Railways

109. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: SHRI K PRADHANI:

RAILWAYS Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to abolish **diffe**rent classes and to introduce classless trains in the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details regarding the scheme of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The ultimate objective of the Government is to do away gradually with different classes of accommodation on the Railways and to have predominantly one type of accommodation in the long-distance trains.

श्री एस० एस० सोमानी: ग्रध्यक्ष जी, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि पिछली बार म्रापने बताया था कि क्लासलैंस गाडियां चलाई जायेंगी। परन्तु इस समय प्रथम श्रेणी में जो सुविधाये प्राप्त हैं कूशण्ड चेयर्स की उसके लिए श्रापने कहा था कि सैकेण्ड 3724 LS-2

क्लास में भी वह सुविधा प्रोवाइड करेंगे, तो वह कब तक भ्रापका करने का विचार

प्रो० मध दंडवते : मैंने ग्रपने बजट भाषण में अध्यक्ष जी, जिक्र किया था, लेकिन फिर दोहराना चाहता हं कि उस बजट भाषण के बाद ग्राज 5 ऐसी गाडियां हैं जिनमें मिर्फ मैंकेण्ड क्लाम के डिब्बे रहते हैं--गीतांजली है, दूसरी टाटानगर-मुजप्फरपूर ऐक्सप्रैस है, तीसरी काचीगुड़ा-ऐक्सप्रेस है, चौथी तिरुपति-हैदराबाद-रायलसीमा ऐक्सप्रैस. मद्रास-मदुरई-वाइजोग ऐक्सप्रस स्रोर यह भी बताना चाहता हूं कि ग्राने वाले वर्ष में गीतांजलि टाइप की 5 नई गाडियां और शरू होगी जो वर्ग विहोन गाडियां होंगी। मैं यह भी बताना चाहता हं कि मैंकेण्ड क्लास की जो कलासलैस हमारी ट्रेन्स रहेंगी उसमें सिर्फ स्लींपर कोच गद्दी की बर्थ ही नहीं रहेंगी लेकिन जो सिटिंग ऐकोमोडेशन होगी वह भी कुणण्ड ऐकोमोडेशन हम करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं स्रौर उनकी तैयारियां हो रही हैं।

श्री एस० एस० सोमानी: क्या मंत्री जी बतायेंगे कि प्रथम श्रेणी के डिब्बों में इस समय जो ग्रटेंडेंट वगैरह की व्यवस्थाएं हैं वेसी व्यवस्थायें सेकेण्ड क्लास के डिक्बों में भी की जायेंगी भविष्य में ?

प्रो० मध् ६ण्डन्ते : जहां तक सैंकेण्ड क्लास का ताल्लुक है ग्राज भी स्लीपर कोच में एक कर्मचारी का इंतजाम किया जाता है। हो सकता है कि उस पर ग्रागे चल कर के ज्यादा जिम्मेदारी डाली जाधेगी । लेकिन जो सुविधा प्रथम श्रेणी में मिल सकती है वह स्विधा सेकेण्ड क्लास में भी देने की कोणिण हम कर रहे हैं।

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HAL-DER: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is considering introduction

classless trains like the Gitanjali Express from Howrah to New Delhi and if so, when will it be introduced?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I cannot specifically say whether this will be the route on which the Gitanjali type of Express trains will be introduced. Already we have gone ahead with the manufacture of such classless trains but we are exploring which particular routes should have Gitanjali type of express trains. However, we are trying to arrange it in such a way that there will be an equitable distribution of such classless trains like the Gitanjali Express in different regions of the country.

SHRI HUKAM RAM: Out of the five new classless trains which the hon. Minister wants to introduce next year may I know from him whether he intends to start one of them between Ahmedabad and Delhi, bacause, both Ahmedabad and Delhi are important centres and also previously they were connected by BB&CI railway and at present there is no such train working there?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I cannot make any firm commitment at this stage.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Report of Inquiry into Collision of Grand Trunk Express near Madras

*108. SHRI KACHARULAL HEM-RAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received the report of the committee set up to enquire into the causes of collision of Grand Trunk Express and a goods train near Madras during November, 1977; and
- (b) if so, the findings thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The report of the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety. Bangalore, who held a statutory inquiry into this accident, has been received. According to his finding, the accident was due to the failure of railway staff. Suitable action has been initiated against the defaulting staff.

Memorandum from various Unions of Railwaymen in Southern Railway

*110. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received memorandum from the various unions of railwaymen, in the Southern Railway about the problems faced by the contract workers employed in the railways:
 - (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) steps taken to solve their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Representations have been received from the piece rate labourers engaged at certain transhipment points on the Southern Railway and their Unions regarding their absorption in regular service and provision of certain other facilities like free passes, free medical treatment for their families etc.

(c) As the work-load at transhipment sheds fluctuates very widely on account of uneven flow of traffic, it is not possible to have regular strength of staff to handle the work. For this purpose, therefore, the requirement of labour varies and piece rate labourers are employed depending on the quantum of traffic handled. They are paid on the basis of work done by them. Piece rate labourers cannot be absorbed in regular service. Since they