

Railway Superintendent and told him what was going on. he said: "These boys are collecting, and the same cups are coming back to passengers; what can we do?"

And one more thing. They have increased the price because of using these two things. This seems to be very unhygienic and very much against the interest of the travelling passengers. The earlier system of preparing food in the long trains and supplied by the vendors to the travelling people was more hygienic. I would like to know from the Minister whether the Railways would revert back to that position, prepare the food and supply in the long distance trains. Will the Minister do something in this regard?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Food is not being prepared in the trains; it is loaded on to most of the trains. In Rajdhani and some other trains, the position may be different. In most of the trains, the food is not prepared on the train. It is loaded on in thalis which is totally open to be polluted on the way to the compartments...
(Interruptions)

Let me complete. Secondly, even the sample surveys that have been taken have come out very much in favour of the casse-rolle system, but I do not want to go on to that, because that is not the question here....(Interruptions).

As far as the disposable cups are concerned, we have tried to launch a publicity campaign. It is very unlikely that these cups are being used again. But we have tried to launch a public awareness campaign that after the passenger uses the cup, he should himself crush it before disposing it of. We have tried to create that awareness and I am sure, this would catch on very soon. In any case, it is very difficult to resell and use disposable cups. It may be happening; I do not know, but I will certainly find out.

[Translation]

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, a passenger has informed me that pantry-cars attached to the trains touching Ahmedabad, Madras, Cochin, Trivandrum and Howrah are being discontinued. It takes 36 hours to reach Madras by train. The passengers will have to face a

lot of inconvenience if catering service is discontinued. I would like to know whether pantry car will be discontinued or it will continue?

[English]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: I require a separate notice for this.

DR. C. S. VERMA: They have discontinued kullarhs and using disposable cups. Is it not against the accepted policy of Government to encourage rural industries?

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: Kullarhs have created so much Hullarh (turmoil).

[English]

DR. C. S. VERMA: Secondly, looking at the preference of the Railway Ministry for these disposable cups, has the Railway Ministry made any arrangements to see that the manufacture of these disposable cups is given preferentially to unemployed graduates, who are living below the poverty line, or has some such arrangement been made?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: I have already mentioned in answer to an earlier supplementary that a very negligible quantity of earthen kullarhs was being used by the departmental vendors.

In fact, those who were using it were unauthorised vendors. So, it was a very negligible quantity.

DR. C. S. VERMA: My second question is not answered. My second question was...

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: A development order was given. It is very difficult to find someone actually who can fulfil this development order. Now, I think, the practice is becoming much wider and we will certainly look into the possibility which the Hon. Member has suggested in his supplementary.

Handling of cargo by national airports authority

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*975. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:
SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA
MURTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority proposes to take up cargo handling at the civil airports in the country to generate additional revenue for the development of airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to start the cargo handling service at Hyderabad, Trivandrum and Ahmedabad airports in the beginning; and

(d) if so, what are the other areas that will be covered afterwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Since the proposal is at a preliminary stage, the details have not yet been decided.

SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU: Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of the State capitals whose Civil airports have no cargo handling facilities will become a heavy loss to the Airport Authority. In this connection, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether they are going to take up the cargo handling facilities in Civil Airports; if not what is the reason.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: One of the things laid down in the National Airport Authority Act is the establishment of warehouses and cargo complexes. It is very much in the mind and they are working on it. Some places...

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Sir, nobody should come in the House wearing a badge. He should not wear it.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: I am wearing it on behalf of Shri Voraji.

MR. SPEAKER: You put it in your pocket.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Some other locations have been located. We had a survey. In Trivandrum we have the Kerala State Industrial Enterprise, which is handling that. In Ahmedabad, the Gujarat State

Export Corporation is doing it. In Varanasi, the U.P. State Corporation is doing it. The Indian Airlines is doing at Hyderabad. At all the International airports, the International Airport Authority is handling except Bombay where right from its inception the Air India was handling on behalf of International Airport Authority. They have plans; they are looking for the finance.

SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU: My second question will be of personal interest. Sir, as far as you know, Bangalore is an internationally famous tourists centre and every day thousands of foreign visitors are visiting Bangalore. Formerly, there were two flights which were going from Delhi to Bangalore and Bangalore to Delhi. Now, it has been reduced to one. I do not know, Sir, why the Airline people in this connection have taken a step-motherly attitude towards Bangalore in comparison to other State capitals. Sir, every day 100 to 150 persons are there on the waiting list and they are unable to go to Bangalore. They have to wait at least for 3 to 4 days. In this connection, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether he would like to increase the number of flight.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: The question relates to handling of cargo, not passengers.

SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU: It is connected with passengers. (*Interruptions*)

Creation of National Ports Authority

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*976. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA:
DR. B.L. SHAILESH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to create a National Ports Authority, as a part of decentralisation policy, under whom all the eleven major ports will be brought;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its likely set up, financial and administrative powers and capital base; and