

(c) whether Government propose to have rethinking on this proposal and change it to the original schedule; and

(d) whether Government had taken the opinion from all categories of commuters and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The arrival time of the train at New Delhi station is now 10.55 Hours.

(b) to (d) The earlier schedule was frequently affecting punctual arrival of the train. However, Tamil Nadu Express arrives New Delhi at 5.50 Hrs.

Losses by DTC

1992. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation is running at a huge loss;

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken to subside this loss;

(c) whether it is a fact that the concessional fare for students in Delhi is the lowest of those prevailing in the country;

(d) if so, whether any measures have been taken to increase this fare;

(e) whether there is any proposal to revise the fare structure in Delhi; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH

PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC has been incurring losses mainly due to unremunerative fare structure and rising cost of labour and other inputs. Steps are taken on continuing basis to increase productivity and reduce per unit cost by adopting economy measures, strict maintenance schedule inventory control and route rationalization.

(c) Variations in the fare structures, the average leads of passenger travel in different places renders comparison inadequate in respect of impact of concessionality in fares afforded to students by different transport undertakings in the country.

(d) to (f) Rationalization and revision of fare structure is one of the measures proposed by DTC.

Direct flight from Coimbatore to Delhi

1993. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :

SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a heavy rush of passengers for the flight from Coimbatore to Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering a proposal to link Coimbatore directly with the country's Capital either via Hyderabad or Madras;

(c) if so, whether it would be a daily service or biweekly service; and

(d) by when the service is likely to be introduced?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL
AVIATION AND TOURISM
(SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):** (a)
No, Sir.

(b) A random check of the route profile indicates an average of 15 passengers from Coimbatore to Delhi. This traffic does not justify a direct link and there is, therefore, no proposal at present to link Coimbatore directly with the country's Capital either *via* Hyderabad or Madras.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Snacks served in Tamil Nadu
Express**

1994. **SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIR-
UMBI :**
**SHRI PASUMPON THA KI-
RUTTINAN :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers are not served standard food in the Tamil Nadu Express;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to serve good quality of food in this train; and

(c) whether any private and departmental catering services are being provided by the Southern Railway, and if so, what are the details thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) :** (a)
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On Southern Railway, pantry car service is managed departmentally on 16 pairs of trains and at 4 stations. It is managed by licensees (contractors) at 259 stations. At 6

stations, there is departmental catering as well as contract catering.

New terminal at Bandra in Bombay

1995. **SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new terminal at Bandra in Bombay has already been completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the terminal could not start functioning due to non-availability of approach road;

(c) if so, what action has been initiated to sort out this problem; and

(d) what is the amount spent for construction of the terminal and by when it is likely to start functioning ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD):** (a) to (c) Construction of the new terminal at Bandra (Phase I) is nearing completion. But its commissioning is dependent on provision of a new approach road, which is held up due to some encroachments. Efforts are being made for removal of these encroachments, to enable the work to be completed.

(d) The amount spent so far is Rs. 3.88 crores. The probable date for opening of the Terminal in Nov., 1989, provided the encroachments are removed without much further delay.

**B.P.Ed. course for Yoga teachers of
Kendriya Vidyalayas**

1996. **DR. BAPU KALDATE:**
Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas are