

THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. MARGARET ALVA); (a) The Arjuna Award has been conferred on 13 sports persons in Kho-Kho and on 7 sports persons in Kabaddi till date;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Demand of commuters for starting couple of local trains from Dombivali

309. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the constant demand of commuters of Dombivali, district Thana for starting couple of local trains from Dombivali Railway station;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not agreeing to this demand;

(c) whether Government are aware that local trains, which originate from Ghatkopar, Bhander, Goregaon etc. in Bombay are having the same facilities as is available in Dombivali; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which Dombivali Railway station is being deprived of such facility and given stepmotherly treatment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Multiplicity of intermediate terminals for running of suburban trains results in the reduction of the overall capacity aggravating over-crowding and inconveniencing majority of the passengers.

Chaotic conditions at Delhi Airport cargo complex

310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has lost export orders worth

crores of rupees due to chaotic conditions at Delhi Airport cargo complex;

(b) whether the President of the Delhi Exporters Association has stated that there is a backlog of around 2000 tons of material at the Delhi Airport cargo complex;

(c) whether the orders worth crores of rupees have also been missed due to late deliveries; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no chaotic condition at the Air Cargo Complex of Indira Gandhi International Airport. To reduce the backlog position of 2000 tonnes, Government of India have allowed all foreign airlines to freely operate cargo flights ex-India during the peak season from January to July in 1989 and 1990. During the peak season, carriers can bring inward cargo to make their operations viable. The national carrier is also increasing its cargo capacity. International Airports Authority of India has increased demurrage free storage period of cargo at the IAAI Terminal in Delhi from six days to eleven days to help exporters.

Refresher course for DTC drivers

311. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any refresher course was conducted for DTC drivers during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether they were impressed upon to observe traffic rules scrupulously and give up rash driving; and