

Speed Post Service in Andhra Pradesh

326. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce "Speed Post Service" to Vijayawada, Vizag, and Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV):

(a) There is no proposal to introduce speed Post Service to Vijayawada and Tirupati. There was a proposal to introduce Speed Post Service from Visakhapatnam, but the same could not be introduced because of operational problems.

(b) The reasons for non-introduction of the service from Visakhapatnam has been explained as above. Reasons for non-introduction of the Service from Tirupati and Vijayawada are as follows:-

The principal requirement for the introduction of this service is the availability of air services with suitable arrival/departure timings *vis-a-vis* despatch and receipt of mail. The proposed service from Tirupati and Vijayawada does not fulfil this requirement.

Central Road Fund

327. SHRI SUNIL BASU ROY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the amount of allocation to the States under the Central Road Fund; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ladies seats in D.T.C. buses

328. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue necessary instructions to the conductors of D.T.C. buses to ensure that the lady passengers do get the seats which are reserved for them;

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

(c) what steps, if any, have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The conductors have standing instructions that they should get the lady seats vacated from male passengers whenever so requested. The conductors have also instructions that in case a male passenger is reluctant to vacate the lady seat, the bus should be stopped till the male passenger either vacates the lady seat or leaves the bus. On specific complaint of non-cooperation on the part of conductor, action is taken against the conductor.

Inland water Transport

329. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what are the details of the allocation made for the development of inland water transport during 1987-88, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): An allocation of Rs. 2.91 crores has been made for the Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Rs. 18.89 crores for the