

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Price of Meals served in Railways

3016. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide resentment on serving of meals in aluminium foils in Railways;

(b) what is the cost of the single aluminium foil used for the purpose; and

(c) what are the reasons for an increase in the price of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals, quantitatively reduced and qualitatively lowered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir. Opinion poll has indicated that the large majority of passengers have liked this service, being more hygienic and hot.

(b) The cost of bigger sized Aluminium Casserole is 99 ps. and that of small sized Casserole is 60 ps.

(c) The price has been fixed after taking into account cost of recipe, ingredients, packing, staff etc. There is no reduction in caloric value. The quality is better.

Mobile library on long distance trains

3017. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contract of supply of books through mobile library on long distance trains is renewed every five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this policy is not followed properly in the matter of renewal of contracts

to the unemployed graduate, holding the mobile libraries on trains for a usual period of five years, causing harassment to concerned persons; and

(c) whether Government have received many representations from a Member of Parliament in this regard, if so, what decision has been taken thereon.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) to (c) It was decided in October 1984 to award/renew the contracts of mobile library-cum-bookstall contractors only for a term of two years, and to review the position thereafter. The position has been explained to the Members of Parliament from whom representations were received in this regard.

Raids by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration at Shardhanad and Gadodia Markets

3018. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) how often during the last four months, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi raided the premises of the trader of Shradhanand and Gadodia markets;

(b) the dates on which such raids were conducted and full details of the shops raided;

(c) whether it is a fact that the raids in these markets have abruptly been stopped; and

(d) if so, the reasons for stopping such raids and starting survey-cum-education programme after the third raid in the Gadodia market*