

to overcome some of the obstacles, which have prevented the advancement of women. For this purpose the Ministry is also having a dialogue with other related Ministries and voluntary agencies for taking action to overcome the obstacles.

Reintroduction of Passenger Train

893. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has received any representation regarding the reintroduction of passenger train No. 191 from Tirupati to Villeepuram; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir, only representations regarding extension of 191 Katpadi-Pakala passenger to Tirupati have been received.

(b) Katpadi and Tirupati are already connected by 3 pairs of passenger and one pair of Express trains which are considered adequate.

Train No. 642

894. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Railway Board from a section of the public for speeding up of Train No. 642 running between Katpadi and Thirupathy; and

(b) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This has been examined and not found operationally feasible.

Consultations on the Report of the Committee on Problems of Ex-Servicemen

895. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Empowered Committee constituted by the Ministry of Defence has completed the task of inter-Ministry consultations on the recommendations of the high-level committee on the problems of ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to make the recommendation of the Committee public and to implement them in full?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the Report of the High Level Committee have already been laid on the Table of the House. Printed copies are also on sale.

The Report contained in all 68 recommendations. Out of them, 39 recommendations have already been accepted and their implementation is in hand. The remaining are under examination and their implementation will be considered as soon as final decisions are taken.

Supply of Mirage 2000 to the Indian Air Force

896. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which appeared in the Hindu of June 30, 1985 under the caption "Mirage Joins IAF";

(b) if so, what is the number of such planes already with the I.A.F. and how many more are likely to be supplied to the I.A.F. and in what duration; and

(c) whether these aircraft would be sufficient to match the power of the sophisticated weapons Pakistan is getting from United States in the event of that country deciding to use those weaponry against India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first batch of seven Mirage-2000 aircraft against the contract for purchase of 40 Mirage-200 have arrived in India. Deliveries of the remaining aircraft are expected to be completed in accordance with an agreed schedule.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Frequent Load Shedding of Power in States

897. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of frequent load shedding of power in various States; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government are taking to ensure adequate supply of power in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To improve the power supply position in the country, the Government has undertaken a number of measures including renovation and modernisation of thermal stations with a Central assistance of Rs. 500 crores and special attention to acceleration of commissioning of projects under implementation.

898. [Transferred to the 9th August, 1985.]

Orders to Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company

899. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of orders given by Railways to the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company (BWE) to manufacture wagons during the last three years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The number of wagons ordered on Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company (BWE) during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as under:

(Figs. in four-wheelers)

| Name of the firm | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | 1984-85 |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| BWEL/Muzaffarpur | 645.5 | 675 | 490 |
| BWEL/Mokameh | 645 242.5* | 750 — | 590 340* |
| TOTAL FOR BWEL : | 1533.0 | 1425 | 1420 |

*For DEFENCE.