Music Facilities in Trains

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that music facilities were earlier provided in certain running trains; if so, the names of such trains;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the railways had withdrawn that facility; if so, what are the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether Government propose to provide the facility in all superfast Mail/Express trains in the near future; if so₁ the names of such trains and by when; and
 - (d) it not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Public Address System for announcement with facility to play music exists on—

- (i) Rajdhani Express between New Delhi-Howrah; and
- (ii) Rajdhani Express between New Delhi-Bombay.

Similar facility was provided on the following trains:—

- (i) Tamil Nadu Express
- (ii) Sarvodaya Express (iii)

Garib-Nawaz Express (iv)

Andhra Pradesh Express

- (b) Facility provided on the following trains has been discontinued:
 - (i) Tamil Nadu Express
 - (ii) Sarvodaya Express
 - (iil) GarFb-Nawaz Express
 - (iv) Arofhra Pradesh Express

The facility was discontinued for operational reason ?nd difficulties in maintenance, namely—

- (i) The facility can be provided only in A.C. coaches and such coaches have to be adjacent to each other;
- (ii) Accommodation blocked by equipment and staff for operation and maintenance reduces accommodation available for use by passengers;
- (iii) Divergent public opinion including serious criticism of the facility.
- (c) It is proposed to provide announcement and music facilities on Rajdhani Trains only.
- (d) Such facility can be provided satisfactorily for all passengers on fully airconditioned Rajdhani Express trains only.

वनस्पति तेलों के उत्पादन में जानवरों की चरबी का प्रयोग

308. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेनवाल : क्या खंडा तथा नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृषा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि वनस्पति तेलों के उत्पादन में जानवरों की चरबी ग्रौर गाय की वसा का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है ; ग्रौर
- (ख) यदि हां, तो उनके प्रयोग को रोकने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

खाद्य तथा भागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रः स्था में राज्य मंत्री (भी भागवत का क्रास्त्राकाद): (क) जी, नहीं । अस्ति स्था

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