

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK-ARJUN): (a) to (d) The Minister during his visit to Calcutta, on 5-9-1982, had expressed the view that there was scope for further improvement in the railway system in West Bengal. This however does not mean that there has been no improvement in the system since Independence. In fact, about 731 Kms. of railway lines have already been added in West Bengal, since Independence (1947); in addition about 190 Kms. of new railways have already been approved for construction. Further, about 210 Kms. of metre gauge track, has also been approved for conversion from MG to BG. Surveys are also being carried out for new lines (260 Kms). in West Bengal.

Expansion of Howrah and Sealdah railway stations

305. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to expand Howrah and Sealdah railway stations and if so, when;

(b) what are the details of the expansion projects; and

(c) by when the work will start and by when they are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK-ARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Humiliation of Foreign Tourists

306. SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press report appearing in the Patriot dated 30-9-82 1249 RS—5

highlighting the humiliation and the treatment meted out to some foreign tourists by the railway officials; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK-ARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Necessary investigations are under way and suitable action depending on the results thereof, will be taken.

Tickets allocation for Asian Games

307. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State and Union Territory-wise allocation of IX Asian Games tickets showing (i) Complimentary tickets allocation for V.I.Ps., sports associations and sports clubs (ii) students concession tickets and (iii) tickets of various categories allocated for general public; and

(b) the total number of tickets sold up to the end of September, 1982 in various States and Delhi respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) There are no complimentary tickets. Two statements showing State and Union Territory-wise allocation of tickets for the general public and students, as also number of tickets sold up to 28-9-1982 are attached.