

which appeared in the *Times of India* of 7th August, 1981 under the caption "Rail Wagon's slow journey to Relief";

(b) if so, whether any steps have been initiated by Government to fix responsibility for this inordinate delay in moving relief material marked 'top priority'; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government propose to ensure better performance in future; and

(d) whether any damages are to be paid to the concerned parties?

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

(b) 86 packages were booked as parcel and not as a full wagon load. Therefore, these had to be clubbed with other packages and put in a wagon which had to be dealt with at four different points. The wagon also developed defects on the journey and had to be repaired. Investigations into the delay in transit of these packages are being made and action against staff, if found responsible for the delay, will be taken.

(c) Instructions are being reiterated to move such relief materials expeditiously.

(d) Out of 86 packages, 61 have been delivered undamaged under clear signatures and for the rest 25 packages, damage has been assessed as 60 per cent for which assessment of claims is being done.

Coaches for Tinsukia Mail

456. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to attach 21 coaches to 155/156 Tin-

sukia Mail from New Bongaigaon to Allahabad and 2 more coaches in addition to these 21 coaches from Allahabad to New Delhi and *vice-versa*.

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

(c) by when this proposal is likely to be effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) A proposal to augment the load of 155/156 Tinsukia Mail between New Delhi and New Bongaigaon to only 21 coaches throughout is under examination. It may be necessary to provide certain terminal facilities at stations en-route. The feasibility of undertaking the necessary terminal works is under consideration.

(c) The proposal will be implemented as soon as the question of terminal facilities en-route is settled.

U.S. Military Aid to Pakistan

457. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIB-ULLAH;

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY;

SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH;

SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR;

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK;

SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the US military aid package deal of the value of Billions of Dollars with Pakistan held in Islamabad recently and also about the acquisition of F-16 fighter Bombers by Pakistan; and