

Setting up of a Steel Yard along the Railway Track in Jaipur

757. SHRI HARI SHANKAR
BHABHARA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan steel dealers association has approached the Central Government to permit setting up of a steel yard along the railway track in Jaipur; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received by the Railways.

Quota for guest of MPs. in the trains

758. SHRI HARISHANKAR
BHABHARA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no quota for MP's guest relations in the trains running from Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce the quota; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The accommodation available for reservation at the Booking counter is allotted to passengers including guests/relations of Members of Parliament on first-come-first served basis on purchase of the requisite journey tickets.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Visit to USSR by the External Affairs Minister

759. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:
SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA
NAIDU:
SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI S. KUMARAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recently visited the Soviet Union; and if so, what was the purpose of the said visit;

(b) whether he had a talk with the Soviet Government for resolving the Afghan issue;

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

(d) whether any joint communique had been issued after his visit and if so, whether there has been any mention about the Afghan situation, if so, the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir, at the invitation of the Government of USSR I paid an official visit to the Soviet Union from 3-7 June, 1980.

(b) Among other subjects we discussed the situation in South West Asia.

(c) I have already made a Statement on the subject on the floor of the House.

(d) A copy of the Joint Press Statement issued at the end of the visit has also been placed on the Table of the House.

The Joint Press Statement refers to no third country by name.

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