

बिधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री
(श्री एच० आर० गोखले : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

Extension of service of Jayanti Janata Express to Trivandrum

359. SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend the service of New Delhi-Mangalore-Cochin Jayanti Janata Express to Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Immediately after opening of Quilon-Ernakulam Broad Gauge line, the speed on the newly laid track will be low. Extension of 131/132 Nizamuddin-Mangalore/Cochin Jayanti Janata Express to and from Trivandrum Central can only be considered when the speed is increased and additional maintenance facilities are developed at Trivandrum.

Allotment of cooking gas against foreign exchange

360. SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allot cooking gas connections on priority basis to persons who make

payment in foreign currency as is done in the case of allotment of scooters; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHAMAN ANSARI): (a) and (b) At present, there is no scheme to provide Liquefied Petroleum Gas cooking gas connections on priority basis to those who are willing to make payment therefor in foreign exchange. However, a suggestion to this effect has recently been received and is under consideration.

Swadeshi drive on Railways

361. SHRI HIMMAT SINH:
SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Swadeshi drive was launched on the Railways in August, 1975 in pursuance of the 20-Point Economic Programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of action taken under this programme and the results achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the 20-point Economic Programme, a vigorous Swadeshi Drive was launched by the Ministry of Railways in August, 1975 to eliminate dependence on imports.

With a view to providing first hand knowledge of items being imported by the Railways to as many industrialists and entrepreneurs as possible, a mobile exhibition was organised and taken to important industrial centres in India.

†[] English translation.