CONCESSIONAL FARES FOR DELEGATES OF AKHIL BHARAT SINDHI BOLI AND SAHITYA SABHA

1178. SHRJ JAIRAMDAS DAULAT-RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Akhil Bharat Sindhi Boli and Sahitya Sabha, with headquarters at Bombay, had been allowed concessional fares for the travel of delegates to and back from Alwar in Rajasthan to attend their Sammelan in November 1970:
- (b) whether reports have been received by the Railway authorities from this organisational as to the number of delegates who took advantage of the concessional rates at each of their earlier annual Sammelans and at the above Sammelan of 1970, if so, the number of delegates who paid the concessional fares for the Sammelans according to the reports received from the organisers; and
- (c) the number of persons who used the fare concession for journey to and from Alwar in connection with the Sammelan of November, 1970 according to the reports received from the Railways' own officials of the respective areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

- (b) According to the report received from the General Secretary of the Sammelan, the number of person, who availed of the concession for attending Sammelan held in December, 1966 and November, 1970 was about 400 and 61 respectively. Such information was not called for in respect of earlier Sammelans held by this Sabha.
- (c) Reports of the Railway Administrations regarding the number of concession orders is used for the various conferences are not called for.

Additional Express Train Between Ahmedabad and Delhi

- 1179. SHRI I. K. KALANIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce

an additional Express train between Ahmedabad and Delhi to minimise the difficulties of pas engers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be introduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No

(b) Does not arise.

INTRODUCTION OF JANATA EXPRESS FROM KOLHAPUR TO BOMBAY

1180. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for running a Janata Expres train from Kolhapur to Bombay: and
- (b) if so, when the proposal is likely to materialise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

MEMORANDUM FOR INCREASING FIRST CLASS
RESERVATION CAPACITY

- 1181. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the people of Sangli, for increasing the present capacity of reservation of first class berths from two to four on Mahalaxmi Express for the journey from Sangli to Bombay;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) by when the demand is likely to be met?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI OURESHI): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) Due to limited first class accommodation on 304 Up Mahalami