

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

(b) Temporary shortage of covered wagons was due to hold-up of wagons on Eastern Sector due to unsatisfactory law and order position and heavy defence moves. The bulk of the excess wagons held up in the Eastern Sector have been put back to circulation. Larger number of covered empty wagons are being taken daily to Orissa to increase availability of covers. Shortfall in availability of covered wagons is also being made up by supplying open wagons when accepted by the parties.

DIESAL TRAIN FROM MANGALORE TO MADRAS

*308. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the demand made by the people of North Kerala for providing an express diesel train from Mangalore to Madras during day time to avoid heavy over crowding and long delays; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) 27/28 Madras-Mangalor West Coast Express already runs with diesel loco between Madras and Shoranur. Extension of diesel loco to Mangalore is not economical at present nor is it possible immediately to dieselise the other train number 1/2 Madras Mangalore Mail.

दिल्ली-हावड़ा जनता एक्सप्रेस को हापुड़ तथा बुलन्दशहर होकर चलाया जाना

*309. श्री श्रीराम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या दिल्ली-हावड़ा जनता एक्सप्रेस को दिल्ली से खुरजा के बीच हापुड़ और बुलन्दशहर होकर चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है जिससे कि इन स्टेशनों से भद्रालती काम के लिए इलाहाबाद जाने वाले यात्रियों को सुविधा हो सके; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[ROUTING OF DELHI-HOWRAH JANTA EXPRESS VIA HAPUR AND BULANDSHAHR

*309. SHRI O. P. TYAGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to route the Delhi—Howrah Janta Express running at present between Delhi and Khurja via Hapur and Bulandshahr in order to provide facilities to the passengers at those stations to go to Allahabad in connection with court cases; and

(b) if not the reasons therefor?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रख दिया है।

विवरण

बुलन्दशहर के रास्ते 39 अप/40 डाउन हावड़ा-दिल्ली जनता एक्सप्रेस के मार्ग परिवर्तन के लिए यातायात की दृष्टि से औचित्य नहीं है। इसके अलावा इस परिवर्तन से यात्रा समय में वृद्धि के साथ-साथ सीधे जाने वाले यात्रियों को किराया भी अधिक देना पड़ेगा। इससे मारीपत, दादरी, अजायबपुर और दनकौर

स्टेशनों के दैनिक यात्रियों को सुबह 1 शाम की एक सुविधाजनक सेवा से भी वंचित होना पड़ेगा।

इलाहाबाद को और इलाहाबाद से सीधे जाने-आने वाले थोड़े से यात्री सीधा जाने वाले दो सवारी डिब्बों का उपयोग कर सकते हैं। इनमें पहले, दूसरे और तीसरे दर्जे का एक मिश्रित डिब्बा और तीसरे दर्जे का तीन टायर का एक आंशिक शयनयान है जो 1 के. एम.। 6 के. एम. खुर्जा-मेरठ सिटी सवारी गाड़ियों और मेल लेने वाली एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों में मेरठ और इलाहाबाद के बीच चलते हैं।

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

(b) A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Apart from lack of traffic justification, diversion of 39Up/40Dn Howrah-Delhi Janata Express via Bulandshahr will entail longer journey time as also enhanced fares for through passengers. This will also deprive the commuters at Maripat, Dadri, Ajaibpur and Dankaur stations of a convenient morning/evening service.

The few through passengers for and from Allahabad can avail of the two through service coaches, viz., one composite I, II & III class and one partial 3-tier sleeper between Meerut and Allahabad running by 1KM/6KM Khurja-Meerut City passengers and connected Express trains,]

EXPORT GROWTH TARGET

*312. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to fix an export growth target for each year of rest of the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

During the Fourth Five Year Plan period, exports were expected to grow at the compound rate of 7% a year. In the Fourth Plan Mid-Term Appraisal, the exports for each of the remaining years of the Plan period had been placed at Rs. 1760 crores in 1972-73 and Rs. 1907 crores in 1973-74. However, in the light of our experience and developments both at home and abroad, the targets are under review.

TOBACCO PURCHASES BY SOVIET UNION FROM INDIA

*314. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of tobacco purchased by the Soviet Union from India during 1971-72;

(b) the parties to whom export quotas in this regard had been allotted; and

(c) whether any representation has been received from some tobacco interests that the Soviet interests in India had been favouring the Nav Bharat Enterprises Private Limited ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) About 19 million Kg. of tobacco worth Rs. 15 crores is estimated to have been purchased by USSR during 1971-72.

(b) There is free trade in Tobacco. Government do not allot export quotas to any party.

(c) No, Sir.