

Bangladesh border. The Trade Agreement, however, provides *inter alia* for border trade to facilitate trade in perishable commodities and articles of daily use to meet the requirements of people living in rural areas on either side of the land customs frontiers. These facilities are available to persons holding special permits, living within sixteen kilometers on the border. A copy of the Trade Agreement has been placed in the Parliament Library.

502. [Transferred > o the 31st May, 1972.]

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL POLICY

503. SHRI INDER SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the growing discontent among the people over the Import Trade Control Policy for the year 1972-73 and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : The import policy for 1972-73 has generally been well received.

RESTRICTION ON ISSUING TICKETS BEYOND CAPACITY OF A TRAIN

504. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any restriction on issuing tickets to the passengers for each train according to its capacity at the starting point;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend the electric train facilities to Villupuram, Chidambaram or Mayuram;

(c) whether any request has been received by the Railway Ministry from their employees to recognize the Railway Employees Progressive Union of Southern Railways; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) There is no restriction on issuing tickets to the passengers on trains except in respect of accommodation which is reserved and for which tickets are issued only to the extent of reserved accommodation available on train concerned.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to extend EMU services to Villupuram upto which the section has been electrified.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

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COMMISSION OF 'CHOLA EXPRESS',

505. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state when the 'CHOLA EXPRESS' train is likely to be commissioned to run from Madras on the main line ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : There is no proposal at present to introduce any train from Madras as 'Chola Express'.

REHABILITATION OF BHAKRA AND PONG DAM OUSTEES

506. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : SHRI NAWAL KISHORE : '

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state : "

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhakra and Pong Dams oustees in Himachal Pradesh have not been yet settled, though they were displaced ten years ago when the dams were constructed;

(b) if so the number of these displaced persons; and

(c) what action Government propose to rehabilitate them expeditiously ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAJNATH KUREEL) : (a) to (c) All the oustees of Bhakra Dam have been rehabilitated.