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RAJYA SABHA

Contracts for plastic glasses

†588. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to serve drinking items like tea and coffee, etc. to train passengers in "Kulhars" instead of plastic cups being used till now;

(b) whether it is also a fact that contracts had been given for plastic glasses etc.; and

(c) if so, the manner in which the said contracts will be carried out for the stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail accidents

589. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of rail accidents/derailments, dacoity and loot of passengers in running trains occurred during the last six months in various parts of the country;

(b) the details of each such incident and the reasons for such high incidence of railway accidents and crime and the steps taken to address these problems;

(c) the loss of life and property as a result thereof,

(d) whether an enquiry has been ordered into each of these incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome thereof and the steps proposed to be taken as long term measures to ensure safety and security of the passengers on the Indian Railways?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.