

**Accident on Ernakulam Thiruvananthapuram Section**

4719. SHRI ASTBUHAJA PRASAD SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the causes of the accident of the Island Express at the bridge over the Astamudi Lake on the Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram section of the Southern Railway on July 8, 1988 have been finally ascertained;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the findings of the Expert Committee that had gone into the report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety; and

(d) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of Expert Committee.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, after inquiring into the accident had concluded that the accident to 26 Down Bangalore City-Trivandrum Central "Island Express" took place as a result of tornado having struck at the bridge, just as the train was passing over it and classified the accident under the category of "sudden conclusions of nature".

The Experts' Committee, consisting of eminent scientists and engineers, examined and evaluated the report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety. The Committee, however, did not agree with the finding of the Commissioner of Railway Safety that the accident was caused due to a tornado hitting the train while passing over the bridge. At the same time, the Committee expressed its inability to determine any precise single

cause being responsible for the accident.

(d) Indian Railways through the Research, Designs and Standards Organisation, Lucknow, are trying to build up expertise in the study of vehicle dynamics and rail-wheel interaction.

**Gomoh-Burdwan Passenger Train**

4720. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of passengers in Gomoh-Burdwan passenger train;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to add more coaches with the train to meet the demand of passengers there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Proposal for augmentation of accommodation in 89-90 Bardhaman - Gomoh Passenger is under active consideration of the Railways.

**Farmers Club**

4721. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD is organising farmers clubs in the country;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of these clubs;

(c) whether any budgetary allocation has been earmarked for such clubs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

tions of credit;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. NABARD is organising Farmers Clubs at village level for a group of 15-20 Farmers/ Artisanas of he village who have benefited from the Bank Credit and have also repaid the loans in time. The main aims and objectives of such Clubs are to ensure:-

(iii) Increase of productivity and income through work and skill;

(iv) Saving of additional income; and

(v) Payment of loan instalments in time and regularly so as to recycle credit.

(i) Use of credit in accordance with the most suitable methods of Science and Technology;

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by NABARD, a budget allocation of Rs 42 lakhs (approximately ) has been made for the year 1992-93 for the following activities of the Farmers Clubs:-

(ii) Respect for the terms and condi-

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Name of the Activity</i>	<i>Budget prov. (Rs in lakhs)</i>
1.	Maintenance of Farmers Clubs	13.081
2.	Launching Expenditure	0.375
3.	Training and Borrowers Education Programme Expenditure.	12.950
4.	Publication and Literature Material and Mass Media Expenditure.	8.000
5.	Incentive to Best Managed Clubs/ Club Villagers on Selective basis	1.000
6.	Development of Model Clubs.	2.500
7.	Contingency and Misc. Provision	4.000
(Say Rs. 42 lakhs)		41.906

### **Milk Production**

4722. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop some districts in the country on

the pattern of Anand district in Gujarat for augmenting Operation flood;

(b) if so, the number of districts identified so far, State-wise;

(c) the total outlay provide for increasing milk production and its collection in these