

Kerala, where, the State Government has fixed prices higher than market prices in other States.

(c) Apart from various Export Promotion measures, efforts are being made to increase the availability of raw cashewnut. Buying delegation for raw cashewnut is being sent to Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore. To promote export of cashew kernels three trade delegations are being sent, one to UK, Federal Republic of Germany, Netherlands and France, the second to USA and Canada & the third to Japan, Hongkong, Taiwan and South Korea.

Upgradation of Howrah-Delhi Railway Route

237. SHRICHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade Howrah-Delhi rail line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the approximate cost likely to be incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Howrah-Delhi route is classified as Group A route. The track is progressively being upgraded by providing of heavier rails, prestressed concrete sleepers and welding of rail joints as well as improved signalling and communication facilities.

During 1988-89 a total expenditure of Rs. 110 crores (approx.) is proposed to be incurred on track renewals on this route.

Representation for Provision of an Alternative Mail Train from Dooars to Calcutta

238. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received any representation from the people of Dooars in the district of Jalpaiguri for providing an alternative mail train from Dooars to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Representations to this effect have been received.

(b) Lack of terminal facilities at Jalpaiguri preclude introduction of such a train.

Amount Spent on the Great Indian Rover

239. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by his Ministry on getting together The Great Indian Rover;

(b) whether the train was dismantled in less than two years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether in view of the successful launching of the Palace on Wheels Government propose to revive the Great Indian Rover to attract foreign tourist traffic in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 47.26 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir. The coaches were dispersed and utilised on regular train services.

(c) The occupation was poor.

(d) and (e). No such decision has been taken keeping in view the past experience.