

**Quota of Berths at Visakhapatnam**

4236. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow travelling from Visakhapatnam to Vijayawada and vice versa by Coramandal Super Fast Express and to issue tickets for this purpose;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to increase quota of berths for Visakhapatnam in 34 UP Mail, Coramandal Super Fast Express and Godavery Express trains;

(c) whether Government also propose to introduce reservation of berths for 34 UP

Mail and 45 East Coast express for this station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to increase the quota at Vishakapatnam by 3/4 Mail (there is no train as 34 UP Mail), 141/142 Coramandal Express and 7 Godavery Express.

(c) and (d). The following reservation quotas are already being operated at Vishakapatnam by 3/4 train and 45 East Coast Express:

Train	IAC	AC2T	1st Class	IIInd Class
1	2	3	4	5
3 Up Howrah-Madras Mail	2	10	12	25
4 Dn Madras-Howrah Mail	8	3	6	7
45 East Coast Express	—	—	—	51

**Assistance by Nationalised Banks to Agricultural Labourers**

4237. SHRI HET RAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual amount loaned to the agricultural labourers by the nationalised banks during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the rate of interest charged on these loans and the percentage of recovery of the loans;

(c) whether Government propose to waive the recovery of the balance amount of the loans give to the agricultural labourers, considering the unhealthy economic condi-

tions and their inability to repay the amount of loans.

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction; and

(e) if answer to (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that their present data reporting system does not generate the information in respect of bank credit to agricultural labourers. However, the data in respect of out-standing advances to agriculture by public sector banks for 3 year period ended December 1988 is as under: