

**Tamil Nadu and Coromandal Express Trains**

3689, SHRI A. BALA PAJANOR:

SHRI P. KANNAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the Tamil Nadu Express and Coromandal Express New Delhi based and Calcutta based respectively;

(b) if so, the advantages envisaged by such a system; and

(c) whether Government have taken into consideration the inconveniences apprehended by passengers and hardships to Railway staff which will be entailed by a shift of the staff enroute under such a system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). The rakes of 121/122 Tamil Nadu 141/142 Coromandal Expresses are based at Madras and Calcutta respectively. Southern Railway's Commercial and Catering staff work on the entire run on both the trains. However, from 1-4-1978, it is proposed to man these trains by Ticket Checking Staff of the respective railways on their jurisdiction. No inconvenience to the passengers or hardship to the staff will be caused by introducing these arrangements.

**Fertilizer Plant in Kolaba**

3690. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of erecting a fertilizer plant in Kolaba District in Maharashtra;

(b) what are the causes of delay in decision; and

(c) when the final decision is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). As a measure of abundant caution, Government have constituted a Task Force to study the environmental impact of locating the proposed fertilizer project in Kolaba District of Maharashtra. As soon as the report of the Task Force is received, a final decision on the location of the complex will be taken and the project taken up for implementation immediately thereafter.

**Supply of Uniforms to Commissioned Bearers**

3691. SHRI K. A RAJU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government in supplying uniforms to the commission bearers engaged in K. K. Express and other prestigious trains;

(b) whether uniforms are supplied periodically to them for winter as well as summer; and

(c) if not, why the lapse in the supply of uniforms in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). As per extant orders, summer uniforms are supplied annually to the Commission Bearers engaged in all mobile units including K. K. Express. For winter, jerseys are supplied as special clothing, the life of which ranges from 2 to 4 years, depending upon the place of employment. Instructions already exist for timely supply of uniforms to eligible railway servants.