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Probe Into IAF Golf Course Plan

821. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
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(JHANJIHARPUR) :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "IAF Golf Course Plan to be probed" as appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated August 28, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has found the construction of Golf within the prohibited area without any permission of the concerned authority; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In June, 1998, it came to the Government's notice that Air Forces has undertaken the construction of a Golf Course within the Air Force Dump, 54 ASP at Gurgaon. However, the IAF has informed that a nodal sports complex has been set up at Gurgaon. Air Force Campus also in the sterile area of the establishment, for the use by Service Personnel and Mini Golf Course forms a part of this sports facility at Gurgaon. Ministry of Defence appointed a team of officials to look into the matter. The team has since submitted its observations which are under consideration.

Introduction of New Trains

822. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA :
VAIDYA VISHNU DATT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains strated and proposed to be started during 1998-99 in the country, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Government have received representations/requests/proposals from State Governments, public representatives and various

organisations regarding the introduction of new trains in J & K especially DMU/SHUTTLE service between Jammu and Pathankot, and direct train between Haridwar and Jammu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):
(a) During the year 1998-99, 44 Express trains have been introduced. The zone-wise break up is as follows:—

Railway	Mail/Express
Central	2
Eastern	4
Northern	6
North Eastern	2
North East Frontier	4
Southern	12
South Central	6
South Eastern	4
Western	4

It is proposed to introduce 6 trains from Central Railway and 2 trains from South Eastern Railway during the year.

(b) and (c) Some representations have been received in these regards. These were examined, but not found feasible of implementation due to operational and resource constraints.