

enced supervisory staff. The flying and ground training of pilot is divided into various phases with well defined aims and standards to be achieved. At the end of each phase the trainee is tested to ensure that he has achieved the required standard and only then is he promoted to the next phase. During the training period each trainee is also tested for standardisation by Aircrew Examining Board (AEB), an independent body under the Inspector General Branch of Air Hqs. Hence, the media report that 'IAF Pilot Training is defective' is not correct.

(o) Flying and ground training syllabi are reviewed at regular intervals and modified if required. In order to overcome the absence of Advance Jet Trainer, as an interim remedial measure w.e.f. June 1996, the new training pattern has been approved by Ministry of Defence which entail addition of Stage IIA on Iskra/Mk II aircraft for trainees selected for fighter stream.

[Translation]

Cleanliness in Trains/Stations

3008. SHRI RAMTAHAL CHOUDHARY
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of complaints regarding unsatisfactory condition of sanitation and cleanliness in the passenger trains and at the railway stations has gone up in the recent times;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received during the last six months; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to bring about improvement in the sanitary conditions at the railway stations and in the passenger trains?

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) and (b) No, Sir. Only 189 complaints were received during May to October, 1998 as against 252 during corresponding period of last year.

(c) A number of measures have been taken to improve the cleanliness at the stations and on trains which include monthly intensive cleaning of coaches, renovation of rakes, use of high pressure jet cleaning machines, mobile jet cleaning plants at platforms for enroute cleaning and travelling safaiwalas on selected trains. Besides drives are launched from time to time during which various steps, like adequate provision of safaiwalas and cleaning material, launching of media campaigns for improving awareness

about hygiene among rail users etc. are taken. However, maintenance of cleanliness is a continuous process.

[English]

Extension of Lal Dora

3009. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to extend Lal Dora of various villages of Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) As reported by Chandigarh Administration, there is no proposal to extend the Lal Dora of various villages of Union Territory of Chandigarh.

(b) Nil, in view of (a) above.

(c) The purpose of extending Lal Dora is to provide the basic civic amenities. As recommended by the Committees constituted for the purpose, the Chandigarh Administration has decided in principle to provide basic civic amenities in all 13 villages of Union Territory of Chandigarh covering 1050 houses which are constructed just out-side the Lal Dora but adjacent to main village abadis.

[Translation]

Construction of Terminal Facility at Gaya

3010. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned the construction of terminal facility at Gaya Junction; and

(b) if so, the amount to be spent thereon and the time by which the work is likely to commence and completed?

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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Ban on Use of Plastic Items

3011. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS Be pleased to state :