

and in no way offend public taste and sensitivity.

- (iv) The Committee would examine and recommend on the requirement for setting up of tourist information booths as well as kiosks for guiding travelling public regarding availability of other modes of transport, city maps etc.
- (v) The Committee would examine and recommend regarding sale of books and publications depending on the regional and territorial requirements as also sale of literature for permitting themes of national integration, social justice, communal harmony, rural development etc. The Committee would also examine the kind of music to be played in trains at Railway Stations as also the messages given through the visual media like CCTVs at Stations etc.

Cellular Telephone Instruments

4111. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the major companies are selling cellular telephone instruments in the country;

(b) if so, the prices of such instruments in the country as on November 1, 1996;

(c) the prices of the same instruments of the respective companies in London, New York, Tokyo and Singapore alongwith the comparison of prices with the instruments available in India;

(d) the reasons for allowing such expensive instruments to be sold at such higher prices; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Remuneration of Artists, Tirupathi

4112. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio Tirupathi has not paid remuneration to artists since May, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the payment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Halt of Manmad Mumbai/Panchvati Express Train at Igatpuri Railway Station

4113. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Manmad-Mumbai Panchavati Express Train does not halt at Igatpuri railway station;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide halt to the said train at Igatpuri Railway Station for the benefit of vast industrial area;

(c) if so, the time by which the halt is likely to be provided;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to fully/partially convert the train into an airconditioned train; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) 1401/1402 Manmad-Mumbai Panchvati Express is already stopping at Igatpuri in both the directions.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) and (f). At present, there is no proposal to convert 1401/1402 Panchvati Express into a fully air-conditioned train. However, an air-conditioned Chair car is available in 1401/1402 Panchvati Express.

[English]

Setting up of A.C.D.C. Locomotive in Panchavati Express

4114. SHRI RAJARAM P. GODASE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the Government propose to setup an A.C.D.C. locomotive in the Panchavati Express running between Nasik and Mumai;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 5 Nos AC/DC locomotives are available in Central Railway and are undergoing services trials.

(c) Does not arise.

Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

4115. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telephone exchange in many villages of Saharsa and Supaul districts of Bihar are on the verge of closure due to ill-maintenance; and