

things in different places in India are being cooled by this technique and the people using them are being provided relief from heat.

The Minister of the Department of Science and Technology is requested to give a statement regarding the steps so far taken by the Department to popularise this technique in the country and outside country and what steps he proposes to take in the future.

(v) First class Railway coaches

SHRI KAZI JALIL ABBASI (Domaria-ganj) : There has been unprecedented deterioration in the maintenance of first class coaches in the Railways. The situation is beyond description on the NE Railway but even on the Northern Railway things are pretty bad. It has been noticed that following the increased attachment of A/C sleeper coaches, the first class coaches have been totally ignored. While one finds every thing in order in the A/C sleeper coaches, the first class coaches are in a very poor state of maintenance and are at times worse than ordinary second class compartments. Adequate attention is not being paid to the cleanliness of the compartment. The windows are very often unusable ; the lavatories are leaking and the supply of electricity and water is irregular. The fittings are so weak that they are dislodged the moment they are touched.

The indifference towards maintenance of the first class compartments even in prestigious mail trains is not understandable. While there is only a marginal difference between the fares of first class and A/C sleepers travel, the latter are given favourable treatment and the first class passengers suffer in disgust. The Railway Minister may kindly look into this matter and see that the first class compartments are maintained properly.

(vi) Measures to promote tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

SHRI SAIFUDDIN SOZ (Baramulla) : The exaggerated reporting on violence by a section of the press during and after June 5 elections caused great damage to the tourist industry in Kashmir. The houseboat owners, taxi drivers, transporters, artisans and businessmen have suffered great losses. Innumerable house boats on the beautiful Dal Lake and Nigeen Lake have hung 'to

let' hoardings. Since there is every possibility to retrieve the situation for the next tourist season, that is September-October, I would strongly plead for special measures by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation so that greater number of tourists visit Kashmir valley during the said months. That action will be a shot in the arm of the State Government which is doing all it can to promote tourism in the State.

(vii) Need for giving full status to University of Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi

श्री अशफाक हुसेन (महाराजगंज) : इस बात को सभी मानते हैं कि तालीम के मैदान में मुसलमान आमतौर से बेपढ़े हुए हैं। इनके पिछड़ेपन को दूर करने के लिए जरूरी है कि प्राइमरी सतह से लेकर आला सतह तक इनको तालीम के मवाके फराहम किए जायें। भारत के दस्तूर में भी इस बात का लिहाज रखा गया है और हर सतह पर अकलीयत को अपने तालीमी इदारे कायम करने, उनको आजादाना तौर पर चलाने के लिए आईन में खुसूसी दफात हैं। लेकिन हिन्दुस्तान में मुस्लिम आबादी को देखते हुए प्राइमरी से लेकर आला सतह तक मुस्लिम तालीमी इदारे बहुत कम हैं। आला तकनीकी और मेडिकल तालीम में अकलियती इदारों की कमी बराबर खटकती है। डिग्री कालेजों की तादाद भी बहुत कम है। अकलियती यूनिवर्सिटी के नाम पर पूरे मुल्क में सिर्फ अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम यूनिवर्सिटी एक वाहिद यूनिवर्सिटी है। जहां कहीं भी अकलियती इदारे अपने डिग्री कालेज खोलना भी चाहते हैं इनको इसलिए इजाजत नहीं दी जाती कि यूनिवर्सिटी ग्रान्ट्स कमीशन ने मजीद डिग्री कालेज खोलने पर पाबन्दी लगा रखी है।

इस हालात में जरूरत इस बात की है कि अकलियती इदारों को डिग्री कालेज, टेक्निकल और मेडिकल कालेज खोलने की, यूनिवर्सिटी ग्रान्ट्स कमीशन और दूसरे इदारों की तरफ से लगाई गई पाबन्दियों से मुस्तसना किया जाए। दिल्ली की जामा मिल्लिया इस्लामिया को पूरी यूनिवर्सिटी का दर्जा दिया जाए और वहां इन्जीनियरिंग कालेज और मेडिकल कालेज के खोलने की भी मंजूरी दी जाए।