

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
No. of Tourists	1747	2212	2282
Earnings (in lakhs of rupees)	148.73	199.17	246.16

(e) No, Sir.

(f) It is not feasible to fit in a halt at Ajmer in the weekly itinerary of the train.

[*English*]

Privatisation of container depots and freight stations

1919. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise container depots and container freight stations, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any difficulty in execution of the process of privatisation in regard to economic implications of the decision; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c). With a view to expecting the development of containerisation and to facilitate growth of multimodal transport services, on cost effective basis, participation of private sector in Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) has been examined from time to time. While some of

the export cargo aggregation centre and CFSs are being operated by the private Sectors, all existing ICDs are operated and owned by Government Agencies. However, certain specific activities such as handling and transportation of cargo are being contracted to private sector agencies on commercial basis.

[*Translation*]

Export of Coal from Bihar

1920. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal and other by-products of coal exporters during the last two years from Bihar;

(b) whether any time-bound programme to increase the export of coal from Bihar has been chalked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SING KALVI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

World Bank Assistance for Indian Railways

1921. SHRI R. GUINDU RAO: