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(b) No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

(c) An amount of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the work in the Budget 2001-2002.

Use of Recycled Rails

2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that recycled rails are used by the Railways;
- (b) whether this is in conformity with safety norms;
- (c) what are the reasons for taking such unsafe action; and
- (d) what steps are proposed to be taken to stop this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The released rails from busy lines are segregated into second hand serviceable rails *i.e.* rails still having balance life and scrap rails. The released serviceable rails are scanned ultrasonically before using them for renewal on lighter traffic routes.

Time Bound Promotions to DMOS in Railways

2083. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given two time-bound promotions to General Duty Doctors, but the specialists recruited directly as DMOs in 1988-89 have been denied the same, contravening the Notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide letter No. A-45013/13/90/-CHSV dated the 4th November, 1991, para 7.9 and 10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the judgement of CAT dated the 21st March 2001, to given DMOs two time-bound promotions, remains unimplemented; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Tikku Committee which went in to all aspects of career improvement and cadre restructuring of the doctors of the Central Health Scheme were accepted by