

(b) what were the annual losses on these monthlies during the last three years;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when the last issue was issued and when the next issue is likely to be brought out; and

(d) whether Railways propose to appoint a Publisher-Editor from outside the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) No.

(b) The figures of annual losses is as under:—

Year	Indian Railways	Bharatiya Rail
1980-81	Rs. 43,000	Rs. 71,000
1981-82	Rs. 1,15,000	Rs. 1,16,000
1982-83	Rs. 59,000	Rs. 96,000

(c) In regard to 'Indian Railways' the last issue published is for Aug.-Sept '83 and the issues for Oct-Dec '83 and Jan-March '84 are under print and will be released very shortly.

Regarding 'Bharatiya Rail' December '83 issue has been put out. Jan-Feb-March '84 issue is in an advanced stage of printing and will be released soon.

(d) As at present the Editor for 'Indian Railways' has recently been placed in position, as selected from the Ministry of Railways.

Introduction of new train between Bombay VT and New Bongaigaon

509 SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many tourists from Bombay, Nagpur, Rourkela are unable to proceed to Darjeeling and North-Eastern States due to lack of direct rail link; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a new weekly deluxe train between Bombay VT and New Bongaigaon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to run a weekly train between Bombay V.T. and New Bongaigaon for want of resources. However, travel facilities do exist to travel between Bombay/Nagpur/Rourkela and Darjeeling/North-Eastern States with a change-over at Howrah.

Doctors in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

510. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength or medical officers and specialists doctors working under the Andaman and Nicobar Administration as on 31st March, 1984; and

(b) how many of them working on regular and how many on ad-hoc basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) There are 9 posts of Specialists Grade II in the scale of pay of Rs. 1100-1600, out of which only 5 pos's are filled, all on regular basis. In the category of Senior Medical Officer in the scale of pay of Rs. 1100-1600, out of 25 sanctioned pos's, 18 posts are filled on regular basis.

There are 36 posts of Medical Officer in the scale of pay of Rs. 700-1300 included in the Central Health Services, 14 of which are filled on regular basis and 22 have been filled on ad-hoc basis. In addition, there are 11 posts under his category, which are not yet included in the Central Health Services and are filled on ad-hoc basis.

Trained nurses in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

511. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to increase the number of trained full fledged Nurses in Andaman and Nicobar Islands from the Present 130, kept stagnant since last five years?