

(b) All the pit heads are not linked by rail and it is for the Coal Companies to transport coal from pitheads to railheads and arrange its loading. Further, the railways have transported about 5 million tonnes more coal during 1983-84 as compared to 1982-83 despite an increase in the number of wagon left-behind and drawn empty from 1587 wagons per day during 1982-83 to 1692 wagons per day during 1983-84.

(c) Information regarding supply of wagons for loading coal is not maintained coal company-wise by the Railways.

(d) No. The coal companies have paid demurrage charges amounting to Rs. 1.73 crores from 1-4-1983 to 29-2-1984 and bills for another 9.73 crores are pending settlement.

(e) Does not arise.

B. R. Singh railway hospital at Sealdah

1311. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a representation dated the 26th August, 1983 from a member of Parliament regarding re-instatement of a doctor in the B. R. Singh Hospital of the Railways at Sealdah;

(b) if so, the details of the representation;

(c) whether the letter has been replied to and, if so, when, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how many representations have been received by Government on this and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rail services in Tamil Nadu

1312. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a train between Madras|Madurai|Tirunelveli|Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu State on the pattern of the Rajdhani Express, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to electrify the railway tracks for short distances to ease the heavy load of commuters in the cities like Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai and other places to cover the urban population;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have underground as well as circular railways for the use of commuters in the city of Madras to ease the over-crowding of commuters; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce a halt at Arakkonam for the convenience of the commuters of Trivandrum Mail, if so, the details thereof?