

(b) if so, what action Government proposed to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) All efforts are being made in close corrodination with all the major loading sectors, at all levels, to further pick up loading, which has shown improvement during the month of September, 82 as compared to August, 82.

Railway traffic freight

276. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the traffic freight carried by the railways during the last one year, month-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Figures of revenue earning goods traffic lifted during the last one year (month-wise) are given below:—

(In million tonnes)	
Month	Loading
September, 81	17.70
October, 81	18.51
November, 81	18.33
December, 81	19.48
January, 82	20.04
February, 82	18.82
March, 82	20.86
April, 82	17.75
May, 82	19.10
June, 82	17.97
July, 82	18.80
August, 82	17.69

Investigation of Railway accident at Chandigarh

277. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accident at the unmanned gate near Chandigarh involving several passengers of a bus have been investigated;

(b) whether the earlier findings of the Railway Accident Committee with regard to the un-manned gates has been implemented; and

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No accident involving a passenger bus and a train/engine at an unmanned level crossing near Chandigarh has been reported during 1982.

(b) Recommendations of Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee-1978 (Sikri Committee) regarding unmanned gates generally pertain to framing of norms for manning of unmanned level crossings, utilisation of Railway Safety works Fund for manning, carrying out of traffic census, provision of speed breakers/bumps, etc. Action to implement these recommendations has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

जोधपुर-वीकानेर गाड़ी में वातानुकूलित शयन यान

278. श्री हरीशकर भाभड़ा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या जोधपुर और वीकानेर गाड़ी में द्वितीय श्रेणी वातानुकूलित शयन-यान लगाये जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : जी नहीं। ऐसे सवारी डिब्बों की अनुपलब्धता के