

"visitation in Delhi Hospitals" in Times of India dated the 25th February, 1981;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHARI RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, the newspaper report has been seen.

(b) and (c) Most of the hospitals in Delhi are encompassed by the walled boundaries. However, sometimes stray dogs, cats or monkeys enter into the hospital premises. Whenever any such stray animal enters into the hospital premises, the same is driven out by the watch and ward staff of the hospitals immediately. Remedial measures to reduce such menace are invariably taken by hospital authorities.

Reduction in expenditure on Indian Missions Abroad

463. SHRI GHOSH MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the expenditure on Indian missions abroad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) Expenditure on Missions & Posts abroad is kept under constant review with a view to ensuring optimum utilisation of the financial resources available. Despite the continuing global inflationary practice, our expenditure on 135 Missions and Posts abroad is amongst the lowest in the world (about Rs. 41 crores per annum).

The expenditure has been contained through a number of economy measures such as reduction of staff in larger Missions, transfer of routine work to India, large scale purchase of property abroad, and modernisation of administrative and financial regulations.

Manufacture of Locomotives

464. SHRI GHOSH MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that capacity utilisation for the manufacture of locomotives has also shown a marked decline;

(b) if so, what are the details for the last three years in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There has been fluctuations in the locomotive production as compared to the installed capacity. The fluctuations are attributable to the corresponding constraints encountered such as power cuts, which were very severe in 1980, irregular availability of steel and bought out items.

(b) The locomotive production figures vis-a-vis capacity earmarked for loco production exclusively is indicated below:-

<i>Diesel locomotive Works</i>				
	Capacity	Actual		
	for loco	production		
	manufac-	ture.		
1978-79	.	.	114	110
1979-80	.	.	135	102
1980-81	.	.	140	165

<i>Chittaranjan Locomotive Works</i>					
			Capacity for loco produc- tion.	Actual Produc- tion.	
1978-79	.	.	.	87	84
1979-80	.	.	.	103	90
1980-81	.	.	.	104	106

Anti Corruption drive in Railways

465. SHRI GHOSH MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special drive has been launched recently by his Ministry to check corruption among the railway staff; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Checks are undertaken on a regular basis by the Ministry to deal with corruption resorted to by the ticket examiners and other staff on Railways as a part of continuous process to eradicate malpractices/irregularities indulged in by unscrupulous element and railway staff. Recently the drive against corrupt activities of checking staff in the trains has been intensified. During the month of March/1981, 64 special checks were undertaken by the Vigilance Special Squad attached to the Ministry on trains passing through/originating from Delhi. As a result of these checks, 112 staff including TTEs, Conductors and Coach Attendants have been found at fault. Stringent action is being taken against them. A special drive has been launched with effect from 1st April on all the Railways against ticketless travel and unscrupulous activities of

staff. Deterrent action is being initiated against the staff found indulging in corrupt activities.

Supply of Paints to Railways

466. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to restricted list of suppliers, the Railways often do not get supplies of quality paints to protect its rolling stock and electrical masts and signal arms from weathering and corrosion; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enlarge the list of its paints suppliers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIK ARJUN): (a) No. The Railways are getting their full supplies of quality paints from the present suppliers who have been approved by the Research, Design and Standards Organisation after assessing their capacity-cum-capability from the quality control angle. The present list of R.D.S.O. approved suppliers is 60 in number (40+20 provisional).

(b) The list of paints suppliers approved by the Research, Design and Standards Organisation is being reviewed from time to time.

Passenger facilities at Churchgate Reservation Office

467. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Western Railway have so far taken to increase the space for the Churchgate Reservation Office and bring chaircar counters to Churchgate;