

(c) if so, what additional revenues are expected from other sources

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Provision has been made for procurement of about 1,00,000 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers), 5680 coaches, 390 EMUs and 780 diesel/electric locomotives during the 6th Plan.

(c) Plan expenditure on the Railways is financed partly from its own internal resources (met out of Railway revenues) and partly through Budgetary support by General Revenues. The approved total plan outlay of Rs. 5,100 crores comprises both these sources. Funds met out of Railways' internal resources are estimated to total Rs. 2565 crores, and balance plan funds of Rs. 2535 crores are expected to be provided by General Revenues, making the total of Rs. 5,100 crores. Funds for the Railway Plan are not provided from any other sources.

Moradabad-Ramnagar-Haldwasi metre gauge line

508. **SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer the reply to Unstarred Question 477 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1980 and state:

(a) the progress so far made with regard to the conversion of the Moradabad-Ramnagar and Kashipur-Lalkua metre gauge section into broad gauge and the construction of a new broad gauge line from Ramnagar to New Haldwani; and

(b) by when the work on the above projects is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The position is as under:

1. Conversion of Moradabad Ramnagar line from MG to BG (77.50 kms.)

The work on the full section is in progress, and the target date for completion of the work is 30-6-1983.

2. Conversion of Kashipur-Lalkua MG line into BG (60.75 kms.) and parallel BG line from Lalkua to New Haldwani (17.27 kms.)

So far no progress has been made for this work. This work is expected to be under taken shortly by N. E. Railway. The target date for completion of this work will be fixed after sanction to the estimate.

3. New BG line from Rampur to New Haldwani (78.4 kms.)

The work is in progress from Rampur-Rudrapur (45 kms.) and is expected to be completed by 30-6-1984. The N. E. Railway is experiencing difficulty in the acquisition of land the cost of which was originally required to be borne by U. P. Government. The matter is being sorted out with the help of Planning Commission.

Rakes for transportation of Iron Ore

509. **SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transport of Iron Ores from Banspani-Barjanda region has almost come to a standstill due to non-supply of rakes by the Railways; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Creation of two more divisions of S.E. Railway in Orissa

510. **SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has approached the Ministry of Railways for creation of two more Divisions of S. E. Railway in Orissa from operational and administrative points of view; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the request of the State Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A request has been received from the State Government of Orissa for creation of one more Division (and not two) in Orissa either at Sambalpur or at Jharsuguda.

(b) The proposal shall be considered at the appropriate time keeping in view the policy of the Government and availability of funds.

Wagons for movement of coal

511. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent months the Railways were able to make available only 9,000 wagons per day to move coal from pit-head stocks while against a normal requirement of 10,000 wagons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that because of the non-availability of coal wagons not only thermal plants were suffering acute shortage of coal and projects like Rajasthan Canal were coming to a grinding halt, but the Coal India Limited also has been compelled to scale down its coal production target from 124 to 121 million tonnes; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to handle the situation effectively?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The daily average loading of coal was 9,447 wagons

in December 1980, 9,639 in January 1981 and 10,036 in February 1981 upto 10th.

(b) No. Adequate quantity of coal is being moved to thermal power stations as well as to Rajasthan Canal Project.

(c) Does not arise.

C.G.H.S. medicines not being supplied in plastic covers

512. SHRI MANUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to shortage of paper and plastic covers, loose medicines are being supplied to the beneficiaries by the C.G.H.S. dispensaries; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government have taken to ensure that the medicines are supplied to all C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in proper packets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) No. But sometimes due to temporary shortage of envelopes supply of medicines without covers has to be made. However necessary remedial measures are taken whenever such a situation arises.

Food for employees on duty in Rajdhani Express

513. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Railway employees on duty in the Rajdhani Express are not provided with food, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The Railways do not provide meals to the staff booked on Rajdhani Express trains, since these trains do not have kitchen facilities for cooking regular meals.