

Supply of wagons to New Cooch Behar on N. F. Railway

3059. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons supplied to New Cooch Behar on N.F. Railway during the last three months for piecemeal loading of jute, logs, bamboos etc.; and

(b) the number of wagons supplied to this station during the corresponding period of the last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Particulars of number of wagons supplied at New Cooch Behar for piecemeal loading of jute, logs, bamboo chips and other traffic during June, 1981 to August, 1981 compared with corresponding months of previous years are as under:

Month	Jute		Logs		Bamboo Chips		Others		Total	
	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981
June	45	16	..	1	103	37	3	19	150	73
July	67	35	4	..	99	74	7	11	177	120
August	154	10	2	2	91	46	8	20	255	78

Additional Coaches to 165/166 Janta Express running between Howrah and New Bongaigaon

3060. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision about the dieselisation and provision of some additional coaches to 165/166 Janata Express running between Howrah and New Bongaigaon; and

(b) if so, when these measures are likely to be effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Dieselisation of long distance Mail/Express trains is being done on a selective basis having regard to availability of diesel locomotives, which are primarily required for clearance of essential freight traffic.

As and when additional diesel locomotives and coaching stock become available, dieselisation and augmentation of load of 165/166 Howrah-New Bongaigaon Janata Express will be considered along with other similar demands.

"Palace on Wheels"

3061. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA
BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a "palace on wheels" for the foreign tourists; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when this train will start running?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI