

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to rationalising and standardising their designs to reduce the cost of construction, Government had already directed the four major public sector shipyards to specialise in building particular type of vessels so that they can optimally use the resources available to them. The shipyards have already done considerable amount of work on this basis. All efforts for reducing the cost of construction such as improved methods of construction, advanced outfitting, and standardisation of components, quicker turn-round and improvement in productivity resulting in lesser man-hour utilisation and lower over-heads, etc. are being attempted.

#### **Strike by Safdarjung Hospital**

719. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons of strike for an indefinite period resorted to by the doctors of the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, and whether any talks between Government and the Hospital authorities have been held to avert the same;

(b) what arrangements Government have made for those patients who were either to be operated, upon or who required hospitalisation; and

(c) what are the places where these patients are being given proper treatment particularly when other hospitals in Delhi are already overcrowded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) There is no such strike in the Safdar-jang Hospital.

'(b) and (c) Do not arise.

720. [Transferred to the 26th June, 1980].

#### **Demonstration by Buddhists at Bangladesh Mission**

721. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demonstration by Buddhists was held at the Bangia Mission in Delhi on May 23, 1980, to protest against the alleged massacre of Buddhists in Bangladesh;

(b) if so; what is Government's information about the alleged violence on Buddhists in Bangladesh; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India consider this an internal affair of Bangladesh.

#### **Wagons for carrying coal**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item, "Coal Wagons allotment to improve soon" in the Economic Times of 9th June, 1980 regarding movement of wagons carrying coal;

(b) what is the requirement of wagons per day to move coal from various coal mines;

(c) what is the number of wagons supplied to them on an average per day in 1978, 1979 and 1980 and what are the reasons for decline in supply in April and May, 1980;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to change the old