

various industrial concerns for their assisted sidings; and

(b) what is the amount of freight outstanding at present which is involved in these assisted sidings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The amount of siding charges due from various industrial concerns for their assisted sidings is about Rs. 72 lakhs.

(b) The amount of freight outstanding is about Rs. 31.52 crores. This amount includes freight outstanding on consignments in transit, delivered already for which freight has not been paid as also on those consignments which have not been delivered.

Wagons indented by Coal India Ltd.

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

(a) what is the number of wagons indented by various units of Coal India Limited during 1979;

(b) what is the number of wagons which were supplied to them during the above year; and

(c) how many wagons of Coal India Ltd. could not be loaded in time during that year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The Railways maintain a consolidated figures of indents placed by different coal companies under Coal India Ltd. as also the Coal Washeries and Steel Plants (for loading outward coke). This figure of indents has a repetitive element in it. On an average, during the year 1979, indents for 10016 wagons were placed per day. 8045 were supplied but 1226 were detained by the Collieries/Washeries beyond the normal free time making it difficult to supply more

wagons. These figures exclude indents of imported coking coal and indents from the Singareni collieries which are not a part of Coal India Ltd.

Accidents on National Highways

720. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of the National highways with double lanes as on 31st December, 1979;

(b) what is length of the national highways with single lane as on 31st December, 1979;

(c) whether it is a fact that traffic violations and accidents are more common on single lane highways; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce highway patrolling with a view to checking traffic violations and investigating accidents?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) The total length of the National Highway system is 29016 km. out of which about 18800 km. is having two-lane carriageway.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Shipping links with foreign countries

721. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries in South, South east and West Asia with which India does not have shipping lines; and

(b) what are the names of the national shipping lines of these countries which touch Indian ports;