

(iv) Two booths—'One for Upper class and one for second class passengers—have been provided on the platform for guiding the passengers who approach the staff on these booths for assistance.

(v) Luggage booth has also been provided on the platform to arrange loading and unloading of luggage of passengers.

(vi) Sufficient staff are posted on the platform to assist and guide the passengers.

(vii) Intermediate, station quotas have been provided in coaches in the middle of the train.

Similar arrangements have also been made at Madras for 121 Dn. Tamil Nadu Express.

No complaint due to the inadequate length of the platform or due to passengers' inability to locate the seats/berths reserved for them, has been received from the travelling public about the inconvenience caused to them for travel in the 21-bogie Tamil Nadu Express trains.

(b) The platforms at "intermediate stations where Tamil Nadu Express stops viz. Jhansi, Bhopal, Nagpur Balhorshah and Vijayawada have been extended to accommodate 21 bogies of these trains. The work for extending the platform at Warangal (where the stoppage has been provided very recently) so that it can hold at 21 bogies, is in progress.

Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in the Capital

*359. SHRI NARASINGH PRASAD NANDA; SHRI DINESH GOSHAMI: DR. V. P. DUTT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of prophylactic anti-rabies vaccine in the capital; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure availability of this vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): (a) and (b) This Ministry is concerned with Prophylactic anti-rabies vaccine for humans only, and not the vaccine for animals. Though there is no acute shortage of human-anti-rabies vaccine in the capital, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been experiencing difficulty in obtaining their requirement in full as supplies have been irregular. Efforts are being made to remedy the situation.

The Delhi Administration have also reported that the Veterinary Hospital run by the NDMC at Minto Bagh is also having no anti-rabies vaccine for animals, and the NDMC is taking steps to procure the vaccine.

Easing of over-crowding in running trains

*360. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state. The various steps Government have taken to ease overcrowding in the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): In order to relieve overcrowding and cope with the increase in passenger traffic, railways are introducing additional trains, increasing the loads of trains by utilising diesel and electric traction, double-heading of Trains and introducing classless trains. Coaches with increased carrying capacity like double-decker and A.C. second class sleepers are also being provided.