

scheduled trips, on an average 3041 (9.91 per cent) were missed daily during February, 1979.

(b) The Corporation has 20 depots and a Central Workshop. Security staff have been posted in all the units who operate round the clock. All the material that is taken 'in' or 'out' is checked at the gate by the security staff. Besides, at Central Workshop, at various vulnerable points, watch towers have been provided. The depots have been covered by high walls to forestall the possibilities of throwing the material out of depot premises.

Receipt and issue of articles are followed strictly according to the procedures laid down elaborately for the purpose. Stock verification is carried out on a regular basis.

#### Wagons used as godowns by traders

2107. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of wagons which were used as godowns by traders resulting in their immobilisation; and

(b) what is the increase in demurrage for unloading wagons beyond a stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

2108. [Transferred to the 20th March, 1979]

#### Statement on nuclear explosions

2109. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1979 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has delayed its decision on the supply of nuclear fuel by the United States to Tarapur Atomic Plant as a result of his statement on nuclear explosions; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) and (b) While it is a fact that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has delayed its decision on the supply of nuclear fuel to the Tarapur Atomic Power Station, the reasons for the delays have not been clearly explained. The Government of India has repeatedly conveyed to the Government of the U.S.A. its deep concern at these delays which affect the proper functioning of the Tarapur Station.

महाराष्ट्र में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की मरम्मत के लिए राशियों का आवंटन

2110. श्री बापुरावजी साहेतरावजी देशमुख : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की मरम्मत के लिये निर्धारित वार्षिक राशि बहुत कम है और यदि हाँ तो इस प्रयोजन के लिये और अधिक राशियों के आवंटन के लिये महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा किये गये निवेदन पर भारत सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

†[Allocation of funds for repairs of National Highways in Maharashtra]

2110. SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-RAOJI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the annual amount earmarked for the repairs of the National Highways in Maharashtra is very

†[] English translation.