

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be adopted by the Railways to attract more traffic ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Principal measures adopted by Railways to attract more traffic are :

- (i) Liaison with trade and industry,
- (ii) Container services,
- (iii) Freight forwarder services,
- (iv) Exemption of high rated commodities classified at class 60 and above from operating restrictions normally,
- (v) running of super express goods trains to time schedules,
- (vi) Quick transit services,
- (vii) Street collection and Delivery Services and Mobile Booking services.

SUPPLY OF WAGONS

*723. SHRI C. P. MAJHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate number of goods wagons are not provided to the indentors of Rupsa-Bangiriposi narrow gauge Railway of Mayurbhanj district of Orissa; and

(b) what was the number of goods wagons indented by the business community operating in this Railway during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 and what was the number of wagons provided to them during the said years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir. After record loading of 738 wagons in October, 1972, 344 indents were cancelled and only 10 wagons indents were

outstanding on the last day of November, 1972.

(b) The number of wagons indented and loaded on Rupsa-Bangiriposi section during the year 1970-71 and 1971-72 is as follows :—

		1970-71	1971-72
Indented	...	5163	7809
Loaded	...	5043	5370

UNECONOMIC BRANCH RAILWAY LINES

*725. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed to the State Governments to agree to the closure of uneconomic branch railway lines;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the State Governments in the matter;

(c) the names of lines which according to the Railway Administration are uneconomic; and

(d) what decision Government have taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The State Governments of Gujarat and West Bengal have been addressed to furnish their views on the proposed closure of Kunkavav-Derdi and Lataguri-Ramshai lines respectively.

(b) The reaction of the State Governments is awaited.

(c) A list of uneconomic branch lines is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Government have not taken any final decision in regard to closure of any of the uneconomic branch lines.