

**M. G. Wagons Bottled up in N. E. Frontier Railway**

1585. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the 1,200—old metre gauge rail wagons bottled up in the North-East Frontier Railway owing to the student agitation in Assam, the Indian Railways are experiencing a surplus of metre gauge wagons while pressures for a high turn-round of broad gauge wagons and other factors are responsible for keeping 19,170 BG wagons on the sick list ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to buy wagons in the next five years to meet growing transportation need ; and

(c) if so, the details regarding programme of Government in this regard ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :** (a) Indian Railways do not have any surplus of metre gauge wagons. Their availability is further affected by the hold-up on the North-east Frontier Railway. The shortage of broad gauge wagons is being felt due to increase in their turn-round and greater incidence of their being on the sick list.

(b) Yes.

(c) In order to meet the anticipated increase in traffic during the next five years and to make adequate provision for replacement of over-aged assets, the Railways plan to acquire about 1,10,000 wagons during 1980—85 subject to the availability of resources.

**भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच युद्ध न करने का समझौता**

1586. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान के राष्ट्रपति भारत के साथ युद्ध न करने का समझौता करने के लिए तैयार हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० बी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान के साथ युद्ध न करने के समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करने की अपनी इच्छा बार बार प्रकट की है। पाकिस्तान सरकार का यह विचार है कि शिमला समझौते में ही एक प्रकार से युद्ध न करने का समझौता भी शामिल है। इसलिए अलग से किसी ऐसे समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करने की जरूरत नहीं है।

**Deaths in U. P. due to use of Sub-standard Medicines**

1587. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons died in U. P. because of the epidemics that broke out in the wake of recent floods in the State ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for the deaths was the use of sub-standard medicines during the relief work ;

(c) if so, the number of persons died in various parts of Uttar Pradesh as a result thereof ; and

(d) the nature of the Central assistance given to the State Government to fight the epidemics ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :** (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Indo-Pak Relation**

1588. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA ROSE ALLURI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Pak President in a Press Conference at Bonn hinted at the desirability of improving Indo-Pak relations ;