

any Hindi test before they are eligible for promotion?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** Our rules follow the pattern of the All India Services in other Ministries. When posted to such areas, they have to pass certain tests so as to have a working knowledge of the language.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : यह जो नई योजना चालू की जा रही है इस में कितना समय और लगेगा और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में मोट्रना को जायेगी ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : हम लोगों ने कुछ दिश्वर किया है कि एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव आफिमेज में ३१ मार्च मन् १९६४ तक स्टेनोग्राफर और स्टेनोग्राफिस्ट, ३१ दिसम्बर मन् १९६४ तक टाइपिस्ट और आपरेटिव स्टाफ जा पोस्ट और टेलोग्राफ आफिमेज में हैं वह ३१ मार्च मन् १९६६ तक हिन्दी की योग्यता प्राप्त कर लें ।

#### Export of Passenger Coaches

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\*499. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to export passenger coaches and wagons;

(b) if so, whether surplus coaches are to be exported; and

(c) what is the present surplus of coaches manufactured in our country?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) There is no export order at present for passenger coaches or wagons.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indigenous capacity for integral type coaches is being fully utilized for our own needs. If any export order is secured, capacity will be arranged

for it in view of the vital necessity for increasing exports.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** Has the Government attained self-sufficiency in the matter of production of passenger coaches; if not, how will they be able to export coaches?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not have the figures with me, but the installed capacity for manufacture of passenger coaches during the Third Plan is 8,622. Each passenger coach very roughly costs about Rs. 1 lakh.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The hon. Deputy Minister just now stated that if any export orders are received they will be executed. Do they intend exporting any coaches?

**Mr. Speaker:** When there is no surplus how can they export?

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know when the over-aged passenger coaches are expected to be replaced by indigenous production and what is the annual production at present?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Replacement of over-aged coaches is a continuous process and we are bringing down the percentage, as far as possible, keeping in view the heavy demands of passenger traffic. The hon. Member knows that the production from the Integral Coach Factory which was designed for 350 coaches per year is being stepped up to about 700 and similarly we are stepping up the production from HAL and from other workshops.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो गाड़ियाँ हिन्दुस्तान में बनती हैं उन की कीमत में और जो इस प्रकार की गाड़ियाँ स्विटजरलैंड में बनती हैं, उन की कीमत में क्या फर्क है ताकि फारिन मार्केट में हम कम्पिट कर सकें ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : हमने तो काफी घरसे मे कोई इस किस्म की कोचेज वाहण स्विटजरलैंड वगैरह से नहीं खरीदीं हैं, लेकिन जब हमने कुछ खरीदी थीं उम वकन की उनकी कीमत में

और अब जो हमारी लागत कीमत है उस में बहुत फर्क है। हमारी बहुत सस्ती है।

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know whether it is not a fact that the Government refuse to provide more trains for want of coaches and, if that is so, how does the question of export of surplus coaches arise?

**Mr. Speaker:** He has said that there are no surplus coaches.

**Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** May I know how far the components of these coaches are made in India and whether some percentage is imported?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** A very small percentage, about 4 to 5 per cent., excluding some special steel is still imported. When the capacity is developed in the steel plants, we will be able to cut that out too.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** May I know whether the production of the Internal Coach Factory is not going to be stepped up to more than 1,200? Because, the reply of the hon. Minister in the last Session was that it would be 1,200, not 900.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I said that from 350 we have stepped it up to 700.

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#### T.B. Patients in Kerala

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**Shri Warrior:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the statement made by the Health Minister of Kerala in the State Assembly on the 28th March, 1962 that there are about two lakhs T.B. patients in the State and that only half of that number receive medical attention;

(b) whether the State Government have requested for any aid from the Union Government for meeting this tragic situation; and

(c) if so, what measures the Government of India have taken thereon?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Government are not aware of such a statement having been made in the State Assembly.

(b) No specific request has been received from the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** May I know whether Government is aware that only a few hundreds of these patients really get facilities for sanatorium treatment and, if so, whether there are any plans for having more sanatoria during the Third Five Year Plan?

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** The bed strength for the tuberculosis patients in Kerala is 995. Apart from that, there are nine tuberculosis clinics which provide outpatient treatment to the remaining tuberculosis patients. There are also five BCG teams working in Kerala State who have vaccinated quite a few lakhs of population.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** I wanted to know, in view of the fact that the incidence of tuberculosis is so high in that area, whether Government has any plans to start more hospitals or sanatoria during the Third Five Year Plan. I did not get an answer to that question.

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** There are plans for expanding the domiciliary treatment which seems to be the latest accepted way of dealing with a big problem like tuberculosis in India.

**Shri P. Kunhan:** May I know whether any survey in this respect has been conducted so far in Kerala State and, if so, what is the result?

**Dr. Sushila Nayar:** There has not been a generalised survey, but there was a sample survey carried out some time ago, and on the basis of that sample survey it was felt that the prevalence rate of active and probably-active tuberculosis in the area was 15.85 per thousand of population.