

*[English]***Freight Traffic**

\*310. SHRI TARIT BARAN  
TOPDAR:  
SHRIMATI MALINI BHATT-  
ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target of freight traffic projected by the Railways for 1994-95;

(b) the percentage of this target achieved during the first quarter of this year;

(c) the total demand of wagons for freight traffic; and

(d) the number of wagons allotted to the different sectors against the demand?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 380 million tonnes for revenue earning traffic.

(b) Loading achieved was 99.8 per cent of the proportionate target.

(c) and (d). The demands are being met currently. The daily average loading (BG) of important commodities during the months of April-July has been as under:

Commodity	Wagons per day
Coal	18,927
Raw material for steel plants	4,119
Pig iron and finished steel from steel plants	1,328

Commodity	Wagons per day
Iron ore for Export	1,405
Cement	3,114
Foodgrains	2,000
Fertilizers	2,087
P.O.L.	3,319
Balance other goods	4,536
Total Revenue earning freight traffic	40,835

As on 31.7.94, out of the demand for wagon supply registered at the goods sheds and at stations, 11,290 wagons on BG and 3,583 wagons on MG were outstanding.

*[Translation]***Agriculture Engineering Colleges**

\*311. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agriculture Engineering Colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is proposed to open more such colleges during 1994-95;

(c) if so, the names of the places selected for this purpose in each State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BAL RAM JAKHAR): (a) There are presently 17 Agriculture Engineering Colleges in the country, 15 of which are under State Agricultural

University System. The State-wise number of Agricultural Engineering Colleges are given in *Statement* enclosed.

(b) Agricultural education and research is a State subject. It is for the State Governments to decide on opening of such colleges.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) Question does not arise in view of what has been stated at (b) above.

### STATEMENT

*The State-wise number of Agricultural Engineering Colleges in India*

Sl. No.	Name of the States	No. of Colleges
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Gujarat	1
4.	Haryana	1
5.	Karnataka	1
6.	Kerala	1
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1
8.	Maharashtra	3
9.	Orissa	1
10.	Punjab	1
11.	Rajasthan	1
12.	Tamil Nadu	1
*13.	Uttar Pradesh	2
*14.	West Bengal	1

\* One college in U.P. and one in West Bengal are outside the Agricultural University Systems.

[English]

### Yashpal Committee Report

\*312. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS:  
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had invited comments from the States on the Yashpal Committee report;

(b) if so, the States which have agreed to comply with the recommendations of the above committee; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the load of books carried by the children?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). While forwarding the report of the National Advisory Committee on reduction of academic burden on school students, Prof. Yash Pal, the Chairman of the National Advisory Committee advised for wide-ranging debate thereon. This advice was endorsed in the 49th meeting of Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) held on 15.10.93. In December, 1993, the copies of both the reports of Yash Pal Committee and the Group set up in the Ministry to examine the feasibility of Committee's recommendations were sent to the States/UTs urging them to hold workshops of experts, parents and teachers for discussing the reports and to send their views.