

(e) if so, the targets fixed for 1985-85 for implementation in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Statistics are not compiled to determine utilisation of coaches/wagons in terms of hours per day. Vehicle kilometres per vehicle day and wagon kilometres per day are maintained and these figures, during the last 4 years on Broad-gauge, are given below.

Year	Coaches	Wagons
1980-81	314	73.4
1981-82	317	83.7
1982-83	342	86.4
1983-84	355	89.1

There is no limitation to the number of hours out of a day that a coach/wagon can run continuously except that it has to be given scheduled halts, examination, maintenance and servicing at prescribed intervals.

(b) Utilisation of coaches/wagons is dependent on pattern of traffic movement.

(c) In the case of coaches the lie-over period at originating/terminal stations has been prescribed keeping in view the need for time taken in its maintenance and rake links. In the case of wagons it is dependent on the time taken in loading/unloading a wagons by the consignee/consignors and the required time for train examination.

(d) Interchangeability of rake links in the case of Mail/Express has already been adopted as one of the means for improving the utilisation of coaches. But interchangeability of rakes between various trains is not always possible.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Expansion of ICDS Programme in the Country

3474. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for expansion of the scheme of Integrated Child Development Scheme during the Seventh Plan and when it is proposed to cover all the Blocks in the country; and

(b) the steps taken for training of personnel to meet the needs of this rapidly expanding and vital programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Government have decided to expand the ICDS Scheme, in a phased manner, during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. It is not possible to indicate by which time all the Blocks in the country will be covered.

(b) The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi, alongwith its regional field units at Gauhati, Bangalore and Lucknow, and a large number of selected institutions run by State Government, autonomous organisations and voluntary agencies have been entrusted with the work of training of ICDS functionaries. Wherever necessary, new training centres are identified by the State Governments and additional capacity is created to meet the increasing need of training.

Scarcity of Drinking Water in Railway Colony at Kharagpur

3475. **SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of scarcity of drinking water in the Railway colony at Kharagpur on South Eastern Railway;

(b) whether large number of quarters in the new-settlement colony at Kharagpur were given water pipe line connections nearly two years back;

(c) whether the said quarters have received any water since then;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the contractor engaged for digging deep tube well in the area failed to fulfil this obligation in stipulated time; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The pipeline connection to these quarters were provided about a year back.

(c) and (d) The water supply in these quarters could not be commissioned due to non-completion of proposed tube-wells in the area. The tube-wells are expected to be commissioned shortly, soon after which the water supply will be provided to these quarters.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The contractor was rescinded but subsequently revived in the interest of the Railways.

[Translations]

Proposal for Running Neelachal Express on Main Line

3476. SHRI VIJAY K. MAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Neelachal Express is now running upto Puri daily;

(b) if so, whether this train runs on grand chord line on all the seven days;

(c) if so, whether the travellers from Patna and other towns/stations on the main line on the Eastern Railway have to go to Gaya to catch the train for Puri and thus face more hardship;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to run the train on grand chord line for four days and on main line for the remaining three days of the week; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Neelachal Express is running thrice a week. However, on the other 4 days a new train viz 915/916 has been introduced between New Delhi and Puri via Gaya, Adra, Kharagpur.

(b) Both the trains viz. 175/176 and 915/916, are running on Grand Chord line.

(c) Since the train is running on Grand Chord line, the passengers from stations on main line avail these trains from stations suiting their individual convenience.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Running of these trains via main line will not be liked by through passengers as it is longer route than that of Grand Chord. Besides, the passengers of Grand Chord Line will be deprived of these services and there will be resentment among them.

[English]

Manufacturing of 6000 HP Locomotive

3477. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the manufacture of 6000 HP locomotive by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works for hauling 450 tonne loads at speeds ranging between 80 and 100 km per hour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the new technology, if any, involved in this proposal;

(d) the progress achieved in the matter so far;

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(f) when is the locomotive likely to be put on the rails ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) 20 prototype thyristor locomotives with modern technologies incorporated in bogies, transmission and traction equipments are being imported for extensive service trials from a minimum of two suppliers with a view to select the most suitable type for technical collaboration for their series indigenous manufacture. The tenders for procurement of the prototypes are in final stage for placement of orders.

(f) The prototype locomotives are expected to be received in India for field