

vii) The India Council of Medical Research has initiated studies on carriers and their management in order to provide information on the epidemiology of the disease for better control.

viii) It has been decided to vaccinate the indentified high-risk grounds. 3,50 lakh doses, of vaccine imported through the WHO have already been received. Another 2,50 lakh doses are on their way.

ix) The National Institute of Communicable Diseases is looking into the epidemiological aspects of the disease.

Provision of Unreserved Coaches in Mail and Express Trains

3584. SHRI S. M. GURADDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Mail and Express trains do not have unreserved coaches;

(b) if so, the names of such Mail and Express trains; and

(c) the reasons for not providing unreserved coaches in these trains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Requirement of Concrete Sleepers

3585. SHRI L. ADAIKALARAJ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirement of concrete sleepers for Indian Railways;

(b) the actual number of sleepers procured during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) the number of approved producers and factories in India producing such concrete sleepers and making regular supplies to Railways with their installed capacity ; and

(d) the actual number of sleepers supplied to Railways by each such producer/factory during the years 1982-83, 1983 84 and 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The requirement of concrete sleepers at present is around 15 lakhs but shall increase to 25 lakhs by the end of 7th Plan.

(b) (i) 1982-83 ... 5.92 lakhs.

(ii) 1983-84 ... 10.34 lakhs.

(iii) 1984-85 ... 11.50 lakhs.
(up to Feb. 1985)

(c) There are 29 units on which orders have been placed for manufacture of concrete sleepers comprising of 22 established units and 7 units under development besides two departmental units. Out of the 22 established units, 2 units (Kosikalan and Bharatpur) are sick and presently closed. Installed capacity of various units is indicated in the enclosed statement.

(d) A statement is attached.