

(iii) During Sixth Plan, 6 Nos. Rail-Mounted Wharf Cranes and 2 Nos. Yard Cranes were procured for providing better cargo handling facilities. Similarly, 18 Nos. Mobile Cranes with capacity between 6-30 Tonnes were procured during Sixth Plan in replacement of old cranes. During Seventh Five Year Plan, 9 mobile cranes are proposed to be procured in replacement of old cranes.

(iv) At Haldia, an Additional General Cargo Berth is proposed to be constructed during Seventh Plan to cater to increase in flow of traffic.

(v) For improving infrastructural facilities for handling containers at Calcutta, a project costing Rs. 10.36 crores has been undertaken. In addition, one berth in KP Docks has been specially earmarked for handling feeder container vessels.

(vi) A big open area, adjacent to Netaji Subhash Dock, has been developed for storage of empty containers and land in this area has been licenced to various container operating firms for storage of empty containers.

(vii) At Haldia, additional container handling cranes are proposed to be procured during Seventh Plan.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Bhavnagar-Surendra Nagar Metre Gauge Line into Broad Gauge Line

6100. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have suggested for conversion of Metre Gauge line between Bhavnagar and Surendra Nagar into Broad Gauge line ;

(b) whether any survey has been carried out for conversion of this line into

Broad Gauge line, and if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any steps are contemplated of decongest the passenger traffic between Botad and Dola Junction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Representations were received from various sources for the conversion of Bhavnagar-Surendra Nagar MG line into BG. No survey has been carried out therefor.

(c) Dhola-Botad Section of Western Railway is served by three Mail/Express and two Fast Passenger trains which are considered adequate for the level of traffic in the Section. There is no proposal to introduce new train or increase the load of existing trains.

[*English*]

Vacant Posts of Medical Specialists in Central Government Hospitals

6101. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Medical Specialists lying vacant in Government Hospitals in Delhi and New Delhi, category-wise ;

(b) the period for which these posts have been lying vacant indicating the period in each case ;

(c) the reasons for the posts remaining unfilled ;

(d) whether it has caused a lot of harm to patient care as well as to teaching of medical students ; and

(e) the time by which these posts are proposed to be filled up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.