

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Shortage of Staff and Beds in CGHS
Maternity Hospital, R.K. Puram**

7473. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD :
SHRI C. P. THAKUR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of staff and beds in C.G.H.S. Maternity Hospital, R.K. Puram, New Delhi keeping in view the number of patients attending this hospital ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Maternity Hospital, R.K. Puram, which is a 30— bedded Hospital is proposed to be upgraded to a 60 bedded Hospital. The staff posted in the Hospital is in accordance with the sanctioned strength for a 30 bedded Hospital and on up-gradation additional staff will be posted.

[English]

**Lowering Down the Steps of Entry and
Exist Gates of DTC Buses**

7474. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a scientific survey and Lower down the steps of the Delhi Transport Corporation buses and re-model the entry and exist gates which have been the main source of a large number of fatal accidents ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of DTC at present.

(b) Does not arise.

**Short Supply of Wagens for Transportation
of Salt at Surendranagar Station**

7475. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be
pleased to state :

(a) what is the volume of salt transported from the Railway stations at Halvad, Kharaghoda and Patdi over the last three years ;

(b) during the same period, what has been the total volume of salt transported throughout the country ; and

(c) if there has been an all India enhancement, the reasons for decline in the Surendranagar railway wagon facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Loading of the salt at Kharaghoda, Halvad and Patdi has been as under :—

Year	Quantity
1983-84	6.60 lakh tonnes
1984-85	6.45 lakh tonnes
1985-86	5.47 lakh tonnes

(b) Loading of salt on entire Indian Railways has been as under :—

Year	Quantity
1983-84	27.02 lakh tonnes
1984-85	30.22 lakh tonnes
1985-86	32.21 lakh tonnes

(c) While the loading of salt increased by 11% in 1984-85 over 1983-84 and by 6.6% in 1985-86 over 1984-85 on the Indian Railways, it increased by 1.5% in 1984-85 over 1983-84 and declined by 3.8% in 1985-86 over 1984-85 in Surendranagar district, which besides the three stations mentioned in para (a) above also includes Kuda from where salt is loaded. The loading dropped principally due to decline in demand for