

standing of the country if estimated to be Rs. 68831 crores as on 31.3.1989.

- (b) No, Sir.  
(c) Does not arise.

### Relaxation in Ban on Filling Vacant Posts

626. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of posts of different cadres in Ministries/Departments are lying vacant;  
(b) whether due to ban on creation of new posts and filling up of vacant posts, this situation is continuing since long; and  
(c) if so, whether Government have given some relaxation in this regard specially in regard to technical posts in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and its subordinate offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) Data regarding the number of vacant posts of different cadres in various Ministries/Departments is not centrally being compiled.

(b) and (c). The guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies, as relaxed in 1986, permit filling up of vacancies in Government departments—both plan and non-plan—arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation etc. subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions. These instructions apply equally to the posts in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

### Late Running of Trains

627. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of trains running late during last six months;  
(b) the reasons therefor; and  
(c) the steps being taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 15.7% on B.G. and 5.3% on M.G.

- (b) Alarm chain pulling, miscreants' activities, agitations, accidents and some equipment failures.  
(c) Regular monitoring to improve their performance continues.

[*Translation*]

### Import of Fax Machines

628. SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have allowed import of second grade building drum and press for manufacturing auto tyres;  
(b) if so, whether Government also propose to give relaxations in the rules for importing fax machines; and  
(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. Import of Second hand building drums and presses for export