

Gangmen now in PWIs and IOWs offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) No, but a few literate Class IV staff are being utilised occasionally in office work.

(b) and (d). There is no shortage and the maintenance of permanent way is good.

(c) Yes.

#### **Non-availability of Septran Medicines in Dispensaries and Hospitals**

1925. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Septran (Tablets and Syrup) medicine is not available at CGHS Dispensaries in New Delhi and other hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of Septran medicine, CGHS Dispensaries supply the alternative medicine to the patients; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The Septran (Tablets and Syrup) medicine is being procured and supplied under its generic name of Trime-thoprim or Sulphamethoxazole and not under its brand name, as per policy of the Government based on the recommendations of the Hathi Committee Report.

(c) and (d). Supplies in C.G.H.S. Dispensaries are medicines with the same composition as Septran medicine and in the same strength.

#### **Cargo handling workers in Haldia Port**

1926. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for regulation of employment of the cargo handling workers in Haldia Port who are being engaged by the users of the Port; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):

(a) A representation has been received by the Calcutta Port Trust requesting for permanency of casual cargo handling workers at Haldia on completion of 240 days' casual service.

(b) Calcutta Port Trust is examining the representation.

#### **Goods Traffic**

1927. SHRI CHANDRABHAN ATHARE PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp fall in the goods traffic moved by rail during 1979 and there was a consequential decline in the earning of revenue on this account;

(b) what has been the total tonnage lifted by the railways during the last three years and what has been the revenue earned each year; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to increase the goods traffic by rail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Although there was a fall in goods traffic during calendar year 1979 as compared to the corresponding period of last year, yet there was no decline in the goods earnings as compared to the last year.

(b) The revenue earning tonnage lifted and the earnings realised during the last three years is as under:—

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
	Actuals	Actuals	Approximates
Tonnes lifted (in millions)	210.8	199.6	194.0
Goods earnings (in crores of Rs.)	1348.45	1305.41	1447.95

(Revised estimates)

(c) Apart from closely monitoring the movement on a day to day basis at the railways' as well as Railway Board's level, coordination is also being maintained with various concerned agencies to improve wagon turn round.

**Laying of new siding**

1928. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress, if any, has been made (i) in laying the new siding, and (ii) 8 KM line for the Titanium Complex in Chavara region; and

(b) the progress made as regards engineering surveys of the above siding and line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Engineering survey for the laying of the broad gauge siding line to the Titanium Complex has been completed. Twenty five per cent progress has been achieved so far in laying the siding line.

**Sealdah-Bongaon Section**

1929. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work of the doubling project of Sealdah-Bongaon Section of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 35 per cent as on 29th February, 1980.

(b) 31st December, 1981 subject to availability of funds, materials etc.

**Passenger Train Services on Ahmedabad-Bombay/Bombay-Delhi Section**

1930. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve amenities/facilities or to augment passenger train services on Ahmedabad-Bombay section or Bombay-Delhi section of the Western Railway; and

(b) if so, the nature and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). In order to ease overcrowding on the Ahmedabad-Bombay section Double Decker Coaches which have 60 per cent more carrying capacity than the conventional coaches have been introduced on 21/22 Flying Ranee between Surat and Bombay. Augmentation of loads of the existing Mail/Express trains on Ahmedabad-Bombay Central and Bombay-Central-Delhi section is at present not operationally feasible for want of room on these trains which are running full load. Introduction of additional trains is also not feasible at present for line capacity constraints and lack of terminal/maintenance facilities in Bombay area.

**Industrial Accidents during 1979**

1931. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers who were killed and maimed due to