

(c) Parcel Handling Contract at Mirzapur**(i) Increase/Decrease in Traffic**

| Period | Total number of packages handled |
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| April '78 to March '79 | 18,474 |
| April '79 to March '80 | 17,988 |
| Jan. '81 to Dec. '81 | 22,357 |
| Jan. '82 to Dec. '82 | 22,515 |
| Percentage increase in 1981-82 over 1979-80 | 25% |

It was assessed by the Tender Committee that the traffic would decline in future by 10%.

(ii) Increase/Decrease in Labour Requirement

Labour output at Mirzapur was compared with that at Kanpur. While at Mirzapur, it was 24 packages per labour per day, it was 75 at Kanpur. On this basis, the Committee assessed higher output at Mirzapur with 30% decrease in labour requirement.

Medicines lying in open at Nirman Bhawan

4711. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines worth several thousands of rupees have been lying in the open in front of Nirman Bhawan during Summer and rains as a result of which they are likely to lose their potency and become harmful for consumption ;

(b) whether arrangements are being made to shift these medicines to some safer place ; and

(c) who is responsible for this loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) A Family Welfare Depot is located in Nirman Bhawan, where supplies of contraceptives and MCH supplies etc. are received from the supplying firms. These are made available to the State Govts. as well as firms involved in social marketing of Nirodh. Normally, the stores are kept in covered godowns, but when large consignments are received in one lot and cannot be accommodated in the godowns, these are stocked outside duly covered with tarpauline to avoid loss of potency.

(b) A proposal for providing covered space for these stores is under consideration.

(c) There has been no loss as all the precautions needed are taken even when stores are kept outside. As such the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.

[Translation]

Rail line to Maharajganj

4712. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharajganj Parliamentary constituency in Gorakhpur district in Uttar Pradesh, which is situated on Nepal border, is not less than 30 K.M. away from any railway line ;

(b) whether there is any scheme to construct a rail line near this area ; and

(c) if not, whether Government will pay attention towards it and conduct survey in this area for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI