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**Wagon Procurement Programme**

2636. SHRI B.V. DESAI :  
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Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have decided to give the wagon building Industry their buying plans two years in advance;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether the Railways have also assured supply of materials to the Industry which will be needed to check delay in supply of wagons;

(d) whether the Railways are also preparing wagon procurement programme in consultation with Planning Commission;

(e) if so, the details of the proposed programme; and

(f) what is the total number of wagons required by the Railway to meet its demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To enable the wagon builders, to plan their production in a better way.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed about 12,500 wagons (in terms of four-wheelers) during 1985-86 and about 20,000 wagons in 1986-87.

(f) With the present fleet of about 5.35 lakh wagons (in terms of four-wheeler units), the railways are able to lift the freight traffic as per the targets prescribed.

However, there are seasonal fluctuations in the offer of freight traffic which create temporary imbalances.

**Indian Doctors Working in Foreign Countries**

2637 SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of Indian doctors working in foreign countries;

(b) the number of para-medical staff of Indian like origin nurses etc. working in foreign countries; and

(c) whether any seats are reserved in the medical colleges in India for emigrant Indians and other Indians residing in foreign countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Migration of Medical/Para medical Manpower is a complex phenomenon resulting from a variety of factors. Since Indian Doctors/Nurses etc. go abroad for employment through various sources including those serving in the States or in the private sectors, the number of such doctors/nurses etc. working in the foreign countries is not available with the Govt. of India,

(c) Admissions to medical colleges are made according to the rules and procedures prescribed by the State/UT Governments and Universities subject to the guidelines laid down by the Medical Council of India.

Out of the Central Pool, a certain number of seats are allotted to the Ministry of External Affairs for children of India-based staff serving in Indian Missions abroad.

**New Express Trains Introduced and New Stations Opened**

2638. E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;