

pensary he belongs, are by and large met in time. Instructions have also been issued to ensure constant availability of essential drugs.

[English]

Import and procurement of wagons

4243. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there exists capacity for production of wheel and axle sets for the Railway wagons in the Durgapur Steel Plant of SAIL of 20,000 per annum and also in Railway's own wheel and axle plant at Bangalore of 10,000 wheel sets; if so, the reasons for importing huge quantity of wheel sets; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed by Government to meet the requirement of wheelsets with indigenous production and thereby save scarce foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The full capacity of Durgapur Steel Plant for the current year (1986-87) for wheels and axles loose and sets for wagon and coaching stock for both maintenance and production is only 13,500 equivalent wheelsets and that of Wheel and Axle Plant, Bangalore is 20,000. This capacity is inadequate to meet entire requirement of production and maintenance. Import of 23,000 wheelsets has been planned after booking the indigenous capacity fully.

(b) The indigenous manufacturers i.e. Durgapur Steel Plant, Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. and Wheel and Axle Plant, Bangalore have taken steps to augment indigenous production of these items to reduce the imports to the barest minimum thereby saving foreign exchange.

Over bridges and under bridges in the country

4244. SHRI DAL CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of overbridges and underbridges being constructed by Railway during the current year;

(b) the number of bridges/under bridges out of them being constructed on the proposals made by the State Governments;

(c) the number of bridges/under bridges for which Railways are bearing the expenses with reasons therefor; and

(d) the details in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Passenger amenities at Sibsagar and Jorhat Railway Station

4245. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan under consideration to improve the deplorable conditions in respect of even basic passenger amenities of the two Railway stations of Sibsagar and Jorhat towns of the North Frontier Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At present, there is no plan under consideration to improve the Passenger Amenities at Sibsagar and Jorhat Stations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Basic Passenger Amenities are satisfactory and are maintained in a good condition.

Allotment of EMU coaches to Suburban Section of Bombay

4246. SHRI ANOOPCHAND SHAH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :