

(b) the steps being taken to eradicate tuberculosis from these Districts; and

(c) whether any Central assistance has been given for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) The Director of Medical and Health Services, Uttar Pradesh has reported that the number of Tuberculosis cases in Almora and Pithoragarh during 1978 were 2018 and 1232 respectively, though no specific survey was done.

(b) Tuberculosis Centres to provide diagnostic and treatment facilities to the TB patients have been established at both the districts. A BCG team to undertake BCG Vaccination of the susceptible population has been provided in these two districts. To cater to the needs of seriously ill TB patients suffering from acute emergencies etc. 8 TB beds have been provided at Almora and 40 bedded TB hospital at Pithoragarh.

(c) Anti TB drugs were supplied to the TB centre Almora during 1978-79. A full set of laboratory equipments was also supplied to that Centre in 1975. It is also proposed to supply them with a set of X-Ray Unit with Odelca Camera. A set of laboratory equipments and X-Ray equipments will be supplied to the TB centre Pithoragarh.

रेलवे जन सम्पर्क अधिकारी

10408. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नाथक : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे प्रशासन ने नौ राज्यों में रेल जन सम्पर्क अधिकारी नियुक्त किये हैं;

(ख) इन जन सम्पर्क अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति के पीछे उद्देश्य क्या है; और

(ग) राजधानियों में नियुक्त जन सम्पर्क अधिकारियों के प्रथम कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या कितनी होगी ?

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के नौ पदों की स्वीकृति दी गयी है जिनका मुख्यालय कुछ राज्यों की राजधानियों में होगा।

(ख) इन अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति विभिन्न राज्यों में कौन-कौन-कौन सी क्षेत्रों के लिए की गयी है ताकि जनता से प्राप्त टिप्पणियों और सुझावों के बारे में रेलों के प्रमुखतः में सुधार हो और साथ ही रेलों के कार्य-निष्पादन के बारे में अविलम्ब सूचना प्रचारित की जा सके।

(ग) इन जन सम्पर्क अधिकारियों की सहायता के लिए कितने कर्मचारियों की आवश्यकता है इसका हिसाब लगाया जा रहा है और अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Locomotive Workshop, Western Railway, Dahod

10409. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of block cadre of Locomotive Workshop, Western Railway, Dahod;

(b) how many vacancies are lying vacant in different categories;

(c) why the vacancies are not being filled up;

(d) what action is being taken to fill-up the vacancies; and

(e) if the vacancies are not being filled up due to non-availability of work-load, what action is being taken to provide sufficient work load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Improvement of Inland Water Transport

10410. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study of transport requirements in the country with a view to co-ordinate inland