

(ब) क्या वहाँ तक अवधि का संबंध है विशेष गाड़ियों के उपलब्ध संबंधी नियमों में सुझ में संशोधन कर दिया गया है अर्थात्, कोई भी विशेष गाड़ी 30 दिन से अधिक समय तक नहीं चलाई जायेगी; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी जाय् होने की तारीख क्या है और क्या उपरोक्त नियम के लागू होने के बाद भी विशेष गाड़ियाँ या डिब्बे (बोगी) 30 दिन से अधिक समय के लिये दिये गये हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव माराम्बल):

(क) से (ङ). सुचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और समाप्त पर रज दी जायेगी।

Supply of Wagons to Fruit Industry

8327. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruit industry particularly of Banana and Orange has suffered a heavy loss during the recent months due to inadequate availability of railway wagons in Western Zone;

(b) if so, total number of wagons made available to Western Zone against its actual demands; and

(c) steps taken or proposed to be taken to make sufficient wagons available to the industry in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). Plantain traffic in marginal quantity are offered from stations, on the Western Railway. During the period from September to November 1978, a total of 235 wagons were loaded with plantain from the Western Railway stations meeting the requirements adequately.

The bulk of the plantain traffic is offered from Stations on Bhusaval-Khandwa section of the Central Railway. The season starts in July with a peak during October to December and then tapers off and closes in March. In the 1978-79 season a quota had to be imposed from Oc-

tober 1978 in order to eliminate heavy fluctuations in the day-to-day loading and also in facilitate operational fluidity. However, despite the imposition of this quota, a total of 25162 wagons was loaded from July, 1978 to March 1979 meeting the demands registered with the railway in full—as compared to 20938 wagons during the corresponding period of the previous year marking an increase of about 21 per cent. 346 specials were run to New Delhi during 1978-79 as compared to 302 specials during 1977-78.

As regards movement of orange traffic, it is reported that during 1978-79, there was a failure of the crop due to untimely heavy rains and hailstorm in January and February, 1979 and as such, demands were also less. A total of 1268 wagons were loaded during February and March, 1979. There were no outstanding demands at the end of March, 1979.

Nature Cure Centres/Hospitals

6828. SHRI MAHI LAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3320 on the 15th March, 1979 regarding Nature Cure Centres/Hospitals and state:

(a) whether any decisions on the recognition of some of the Nature Cure Hospitals for purposes of CGHS has since been taken;

(b) whether Government will meanwhile allow such chronic Patients, who being the CGHS beneficiaries want to take immediately the last chance of treatment by way of Naturopathic treatment;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor in view of the fact that the life of such patients is at stake; and

(d) what is the status of Visvayatan Yogashram (a Yogic exercises and treatment centre), Gol Dakkhana, New Delhi, in this context?