

Rakes for Raw Materials for Foundry Industries of West Bengal

480. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDER HALDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any communication from the West Bengal Government about the supply of railway rakes to supply raw materials from Durgapur—Burnpur area to the Bridge and Foundry industries of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure the supply of rakes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):
(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Islamic Conference

481. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KOCHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state India's view on the outcome of the Islamic Conference held in Pakistan in May 1980?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): The Government of India has not yet received the final documents of the Islamic Conference held in Pakistan in May 1980. The Government have, however, noted that one of the decisions at the Conference was the setting up of a three-member Committee to consider further necessary action in regard to the situation in and around Afghanistan. The Government look upon this as a proposition meriting consideration.

Wagons for Coal Transportation

482. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wagons could not be supplied in adequate

number for transportation of coal from January, 1980;

(b) if so, the number of wagons demanded and the number of those supplied during the period from January, 1980 to June, 1980; and

(c) the reasons for not supplying wagons in adequate number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):
(a) to (c). Daily average loading of coal between January and May 1980 improved to 8981 wagons per day from 8762 wagons per day during the previous 5 months.

Eradication of Leprosy from the Country

483. SHRI HARINATHA MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the present incidents of leprosy, State-wise, throughout the country;

(b) what facilities for treatment, both at Indoor and Outdoor Patients Departments have been provided in Government and Government-aided hospitals; and

(c) the help extended to non-official organisations engaged in prevention and cure of leprosy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The number of leprosy cases detected and on record till 31st December in each State is enclosed.

(b) Out-door treatment is provided to Leprosy patients through Leprosy Control Units, Survey Education Treatment Centres, Urban Leprosy Centres, etc., Indoor treatment is provided to the needy or acutely ill or complicated leprosy patients in the Leprosy Hospital and Temporary Hospitalisation Wards attached to the District hospitals or Medical Institutions.