

Installation of Body and Brain Cat Scanners

1275. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Neurological Research Institute had prepared a project about a year back to instal three body scanners and nine brain CAT Scanners all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that it has taken a long time and licence to import machines is still pending; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to help the institute to get these machines and complete the needy projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have no knowledge of the project prepared by the Delhi Neurological Research Institute, a private organisation, to instal three body scanners and nine brain CAT Scanners all over the country. However, a reference was received in December, 1979 from the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi for clearance from the technical angle regarding grant of licence for the import of a CAT Scanner, valued at Rs. 14.45 lakhs, by the said Institute. The Directorate General of Health Services recommended the case to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

(c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are not concerned with the issue of import licence.

(d) The reference received from the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi has been returned to them on the 28th January, 1980.

Railway Coach Factory in Palghat

1276. SHRI A. K. BALAN:
SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-
RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal for starting a Railway Coach Factory in Palghat District, Kerala; and

(b) if so, what is its present position?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A proposal for setting up a new Railway Coach Production Unit is under examination and no final decision regarding its location etc. has yet been taken.

Personnel Branch Clerical Staff

1277. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that different yard-sticks are being followed in different Zonal Railways in the case of Personnel Branch clerical staff; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, Railway-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It is presumed that the question refers to the determination of the strength of staff in the Personnel Branch. If so, the answer to part (a) of the question is in the affirmative. This is so because of the historical reasons. The various company railways had their own manning scales before the Government took over these Railways. In order to have uniform yard-sticks for application on all Railways, for identical work in the identical conditions, Southern Railway are conducting a work study.