

RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) . It has been reported by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences that the supply of Medical gas has been unsatisfactory for about six months. The shortage is reported to have been particularly acute from August to October, 1980. It is reported that situation regarding the supply of oxygen has substantially improved with effect from 1st November, 1980.

Causes of All Train Collisions

2542. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an analysis of the causes of all train collisions in the past three years made by the Railway Board has revealed that 80 per cent of the accidents involved drivers over 50 years of age;

(b) whether Railway Board have decided to tighten the periodical night vision tests of Railway engine drivers and other staff on operational duty in the Signal and Loco Departments who are turning to be a safety risk for the railways and enforce these strictly through the Railway Medical Officers;

(c) if so, the broad details thereof; and

(d) what other safety measures have been or being devised to prevent such frequent occurrence of accidents due to the human failure ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No such long term analysis has been done.

(b) The present standards prescribed for night vision tests and periodicity of examination are considered adequate and there is no proposal for reviewing them.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) New Safety devices like ultrasonic flaw detectors, track circuiting, axle counters, panel interlocking, automatic warning system and hot box detectors are being introduced progressively.

Officers on Deputation in Railway Board

2543. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of the rank of Joint Director and above in the Railway

Board's Office who are on deputation there from the various Railways for the last more than three years;

(b) the reasons for not reverting them to the Railways after the expiry of the usual tenure of three years as a part of revamping of the Railway Board's set-up; and

(c) how long they will be allowed to stay on in the Boards office.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Thirty-three.

(b) and (c). The normal period of tenure of Railway Officers in Railway Board is four years. Steps are being taken for their reversion to Railways after normal tenure.

लाजपत नगर, नई दिल्ली में अस्पताल में
एक्स-रे-मशीन

2543. श्री राम सिंह शर्मा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लाजपत नगर, नयी दिल्ली के अस्पताल में कुल कितनी एक्स-रे मशीनें हैं ;

(ख) उनका मूल्य कितना है ;

(ग) क्या वे मशीनें काम दे रही हैं, यदि नहीं, तो कितने समय में बेकार पड़ी हैं ; और

(घ) लोक हित में उनकी मरम्मत कब तक हो जायेगी ?

स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लास्कर) : (क) एक एक्स-रे मशीन ।

(ख) लगभग 2 लाख रुपये ।

(ग) यह एक्स-रे मशीन काम कर रही है ।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।