

members of the staff were trained in the Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm.

(d) This equipment is used to scan the brain for any lesions. This service is available to patients both from the Institute Hospital and those referred from outside. The charges are as follows:—

(i) Rs. 200/- if the case is referred through the out patient Department or indoor patients of the Institute.

(ii) Rs. 500/- when the case is referred from elsewhere.

(iii) Poor and indigent patients, so certified by the Head of the concerned Clinical Unit of the Institute Hospital are rendered free service.

.. Shortage of Wagons at Kiratpur

4466. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of Railway wagons at Kiratpur has hit the marketing of seed potatoes the production of which has recorded a new high during this season;

(b) whether this has resulted in a heavy loss to the potato growers, who suffered a heavy loss during the past two years due to less demand and poor marketing system; and

(c) if so, the steps which Government propose to take to provide adequate number of wagons to carry the potato seeds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). No. However every effort is made to provide adequate number of wagons for movement of potato seeds during the

current potato season. During October to December (upto 10th), 1980, a total of 1230 wagons of potatoes have been loaded at Kiratpur.

Improvement of National Highways in Karnataka

4467. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of assistance sanctioned by the Centre to improve the conditions of National Highways in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the amount spent during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Funds provided for the development and maintenance of National Highways are not in the nature of any assistance to States as such but are a direct expenditure since National Highways are a Union subject. The position of funds provided for development and maintenance of National Highways to Karnataka during the last 3 years and the expenditure incurred against those funds is indicated below:

Development of National Highways :

Year	Final allotment	Actual expenditure
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1977-78 . . .	382.00	381.67
1978-79 . . .	450.49	451.74
1979-80 . . .	510.00	530.16