

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

*Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways :*

Year	Final allotment	Actual expenditure
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1977-78 . . . . .	129.44	128.58
1978-79 . . . . .	136.55	135.89
1979-80 . . . . .	136.17	143.66

**Conversion of Miraj-Bangalore Line**

4468. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to convert the Miraj-Bangalore metre gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) when the work will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) A survey for conversion of Miraj-Bangalore metre gauge railway line into broad gauge has recently been sanctioned.

(b) Cost of the project will be known after the survey is completed.

(c) Further action will be taken only after the survey is completed and the report is examined subject to clearance by the Planning Commission.

**Disposal of Unserviceable Buses in various Depots**

4469. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge number of unserviceable buses are lying in the various depots of DTC;

(b) if so, the number of these buses;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy for their disposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of buses disposed off during the last three years and total amount earned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir. Buses which have recently been decided to be scrapped are lying in the Depots awaiting auctioning.

(b) At present 67 buses are lying in the Depots awaiting auctioning.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The vehicles of the Corporation which have covered five lakhs KMs. or 8 years of age and/or are awaiting extensive repairs are inspected by a Board of Technical Officers to ascertain whether they are fit for further economic operation either in the existing state or after repairs. The vehicles that are found to be uneconomical to operate/repair are scrapped and then deleted from the fleet of the Corporation and disposed off through tender-cum-auction sale.

(e) Total number of buses disposed off during last 3 years from 1978 to 1980 is 330 and total amount realised Rs. 62,91,600/-.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के बस मार्ग संख्या 88 को तीन मूर्ति तक बढ़ाया जाना

4470. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या साउथ एवेन्यू से पहाड़ गंज के बीच कोई सीधी बस सेवा न होने के