

Manufacture of Railway Wagons

7068. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) how many railway wagons have been manufactured annually in the last five years; and

(b) what capacity is required with expected annual escalation of production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of wagons manufactured annually in the last 5 years is shown below:—

(Figures in terms of 4-wheelers)

YEAR	Wagons manufactured
1975-76	12,176
1976-77	11,981
1977-78	12,166
1978-79	12,022
1979-80	10,827
1980-81 (up to February, 1981)	10,384

(b) The current 6th Five Year Plan provides for acquisition of 1,00,000 wagons in terms of 4-wheelers during the years 1980-85. The procurement on a year to year basis is however planned on the basis of funds allocated for the annual plans. During the years 1980-81 and 1981-82, 30,000 wagons in terms of 4-wheelers are expected to be acquired. The procurement of 70,000 wagons in terms of 4-wheelers, the balance quantity, would be arranged during the remaining 3 years of the 6th Five Year Plan, namely from 1982-83 to 1985-86, and would be subject to allocation of adequate funds. This would necessitate stepping up wagon

production to the level of 22,000/23,000 wagons in terms of four-wheelers per annum. The annual installed capacity for manufacture of railway wagons in the country is about 28,000 wagons in terms of four-wheelers.

Transportation of Milk and Pan

7069. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent on Government's announcement regarding reduction of supplementary charges on milk and pan (betel leaves) during the current Budget, any provision has been made for the movement on pan from Southern to the Northern India by providing extra accommodation on the basis of the demand of growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to the arrangements made in Grand Trunk Express?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The quantum of betel leaves traffic for movement towards Northern India is being currently cleared by trains Nos. 15 Dn. G. T. Express, 17 Dn. Janata Express and few other trains, and no difficulty is being experienced in the clearance of this traffic.

Number of train accidents, due to Human Failure

7070. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of train accidents which occurred on the Indian Railways due to human failure during the last one year, (Division-wise); and