

work according to rules and do not indulge in short cut methods that may lead to accidents. The Drivers are being counselled to ensure that their engines are properly coupled with the trains.

#### **Transport facilities between Calcutta and Andaman**

2699. SHRI E. K. IMBICHI-BAWA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that it takes three days from Calcutta to reach Andaman and back by sea;

(b) is there any programme to use speedier Hydrofoil or any other type of boats;

(c) whether it is a fact that a new transport ship is lying idle for the last one year; and

(d) if so, is it due to non-availability of the technical personnel to man the ship?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir,

(c) and (d). An Inter-Island Vessel, namely M. V. 'Triveni' was lying idle for the period from 29-9-80 to 14-5-81 at Port Blair Harbour for want of a Home Trade Master and qualified engineers required under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. From 15-5-81, this vessel started plying after getting dispensation from the D. G. (Shipping).

#### **Coal transported to States**

2700. SHRI DALBIR SINGH :  
SHRI B.R. NAHATA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how much coal was transported by each Railway to different States during the last three years ;

for power generation, for industrial use and also for the use of Railways themselves ;

(b) how many trains, passenger and goods, had to be cancelled on account of shortage of coal at the loco headquarters during the last three years and the period of cancellation of each train including the current year, zone-wise ;

(c) when Indent for coal supply was given for these Railways and for what quantity and when it was supplied and to what extent ; and

(d) what is the estimated loss of Railways on account of non-availability of coal in time to different Railways, during the last three years, or year-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A statement showing the daily average number of wagons loaded with coal for Power Houses, Railways own use and other industrial consumers during 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 (upto July '81) by coal loading Zonal Railway is attached (Annexure-A).

(b) A statement showing the maximum number of passenger trains cancelled Zone-wise due to shortage of coal during the years 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 (Upto August '81) and the total number of goods trains cancelled Zone-wise is attached (Annexure-B).

(c) Individual Zonal Railways' coal requirement is assessed annually by the Board and reviewed periodically in the light of dieselisation/electrification of routes/services and coal supplies are arranged accordingly, keeping in view the overall availability of required quality of coal vis-a-vis the minimum demands of other priority sectors.

(d) Such information is not being compiled by the Zonal Railways.

## Statement-1

Coal transported by each Railway-Daily average wagons

(In terms of 4-wheelers)

Consumer	1979-80					1980-81					1981-82 (4 month)							
	ER	SER	CR	SC	NF	Total	ER	SER	CR	SC	NF	Total	ER	SER	CR	SC	NF	Total
Power House	1614	448	342	467	—	2871	1843	540	375	496	—	3254	2048	722	386	588	—	3744
Loco	792	441	36	191	37	1497	769	410	32	186	48	1445	753	374	27	157	43	1354
Others	1940	2070	204	246	11	4471	1901	1970	189	206	21	4287	1866	2179	216	103	45	4409
<b>Total :</b>	<b>4346</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8839</b>	<b>4513</b>	<b>2920</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8986</b>	<b>4667</b>	<b>3275</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>9507</b>

Note : ER = Eastern Railway

SER = South Eastern Railway

CR = Central Railway

SC = South Central Railway

NF = Northeast Frontier Railway

**Statement-II***Cancellation of Passengers and Goods Trains on Railways due to Coal Shortage*

	Maximum No. of Passenger trains cancelled (in pairs)				Total No. of Goods trains cancelled			
	1978	1979	1980	1981 upto (Aug.)	1978	1979	1980	1981 (upto Aug.)
Central	Nil	17	—	3	—	157	142	88
Eastern	6	52.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	97.5	81	42	56	1764	5899	1868	876
N. Eastern	51	41.5	13	32	979	873	725	289
N. Frontier	3	1	—	2	13	34	22	14
Southern	87.5	108	43	93	7690	16652	10212	4719
S. Central	37	36	11.5	72	2136	1606	1979	185
S. Eastern	9	6	—	1	—	—	—	—
Western	24	49	60	93	1356	12157	7795	1151

**Land Adjacent to Jalpaiguri Station**

2701 : SHRI SUBODH SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Chairman Siliguri-Jalpaiguri Development Authority (West Bengal) for the relinquishment of piece of land adjacent to Jalpaiguri station (N. F. Railways) for developing a shopping complex there; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard ?

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

(b) The land asked for by the State Government is adjoining Railway Station and includes Station Master's quarter. The question of its relinquishment is under examination.

**Railway Stations in South**

2702. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) is it true that the railway stations in South are poorly maintained even though the traffic and revenue have increased considerably; and

(b) if so, new facilities mooted ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise. However, improvement/augmentation of existing facilities are done on a programmed basis in consultation with Railway Users' Amenities Committee and in accordance with availability of funds and is a continuous process, e.g. of Southern Railway improvement/remodelling of station buildings are in progress on 19 stations and platform/platform shelters are being extended at 7 stations.