

(b) the number of passenger and goods trains so far brought under diesel traction; and

(c) what are the details regarding the targets for the year 1981-82?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Diesel locomotives are more efficient than steem locomotives as their hauling capacity is greater, they are capable of achieving higher speeds and acceleration is better. The servicing requirement for diesel locomotive is very much less than that for steam which require frequent halts for watering and coaling. The range of operation of diesels is also very much giving greater operating flexibility permitting through running of goods trains. Thus dieselisation contributes to considerable saving in line capacity, coal consumption and improved operation. Moreover, steam traction becomes progressively uneconomical in areas with higher traffic densities.

(b) As on 1-11-81, 280 BG diesel locomotives and 102 MG diesel locomotives are allotted for use on Passenger services. Freight traffic is catered for by 1172 BG diesel and 350 MG diesel locomotives. The actual number of goods trains worked with these locomotives would depend on pattern of traffic, trailing load, etc. However, 64 per cent on BG and 66 per cent on MG of freight train Km in 1980-81 were hauled by diesel traction.

(c) The additional diesel main line locomotives which become available during 1981-82 would be deployed for passenger and goods trains depending on operating need, urgency, etc. In this regard, 87 BG diesels, 15 MG diesels and 7 NG diesels are scheduled for manufacture in 1981-82.

Stocks of Iron Ore at Paradip Port

4203. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantities of iron ore which have been accumulated at Paradip Port of Orissa at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the port authority has refused to accept any further iron ore transported by trucks from Daitori and other iron ore mines of Orissa;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to receive the iron ore transported by trucks from different feeder mines to Paradip?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) There is a stock of about six lakh tonnes of iron ore at Paradip Port at present.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Paradip Port is in a position to receive iron ore brought from different mines.

Creation of Metre Gauge Zone

4204. SHRI MOHAN LAL SUKHADIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal regarding creation of Metre Gauge Zone is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b).

A Railway Reforms Committee has been constituted by the Government which is, *inter-alia*, considering the creation/adjustments of Railway Divisions/Zones including the creation of Metre Gauge Zone. Further action will be taken on receipt of recommendations of the Committee.

Increase in diabetes patients

4205. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of diabetes patients are increasing in the country;

(b) whether any recent survey has been conducted by his Ministry to know the number of such diabetes patients in various States and to know the reasons of the growth of such disease; and

(c) if so, their approximate number, State-wise and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the growth of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The data of patients treated for diabetes Mellitus in hospitals and dispensaries of major States in India during 1974-77 do not indicate any increasing trend.

(b) No. Even an ad-hoc survey conducted on the prevalence of the morbidity among the rural community based on the number of cases treated in the institutions during 1976 and 1977 covering 5 to 10 Primary Health Centres and an equal number of dispensaries in different districts of States and Union Territories indicated that the percentage of new cases of diabetes to total (of all diseases) came down from 0.18 percent in 1976 to 0.15 per cent in 1977.

(c) Does not arise.

“केवल महिलाओं के लिए” बसों का अधिक संख्या में चलाया जाना

4206. श्री राम लाल राही : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने “केवल महिलाओं के लिए” बसों को अधिक संख्या में चलाने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समय कितनी बसें केवल महिलाओं के लिए चलाई जा रही हैं और ऐसी चलाई जाने वाली महिलाओं की अतिरिक्त बसों की संख्या कितनी है ?

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) जी, हां । दिल्ली परिवहन निगम यथा संभव केवल महिला यात्रियों के लिए बसें चलाया करता है ।

(ख) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम 93 यूनिवर्सिटी स्पेशल ट्रिपों के अलावा विभिन्न छुटों पर दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय की छात्राओं की सुविधा के लिए 44 लेडी स्पेशल ट्रिपें चला रहा है ।

Establishment of regional office of Inland water transport at Varanasi and Gauhati.

4207. SHRI RAMAVTAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a serious proposal is mooted for establishing Regional Office of Inland Water Transport at Varanasi and Gauhati;

(b) whether the new offices would be exclusively engaged in Hydrographic survey; and

(c) if so, when the Minister proposes to announce the probable date of opening of these offices?