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Nationalization of Hooghly Docking and Engineering Company

5476. SHRI AJIT BAG :

SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal urged upon the Government for an immediate decision to nationalize the Hooghly Docking and Engineering Company ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) steps taken by Government thereon ; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEE-RENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Chief Minister of West Bengal had raised, during a meeting held on 11-11-1981 with the Union Minister of Industry, the issue of the future of Hooghly Docking and Engineering Co., Calcutta.

(c) and (d). Government is considering the various possibilities in this regard.

More facilities to Second Class compartments

5477. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state steps taken to provide more facilities in Second Class Compartments envisaged in the 6th Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : To make the 2nd Class travel more comfortable the following additional facilities are being provided gradually in the new 2nd class coaches :

1. Cushioned berths and back-rests to add to the comfort.
2. One Western style lavatory out of the four for the benefit of those passengers who are sick or old or otherwise find it difficult to use the Indian style lavatory.
3. Space for keeping a portable drinking water container.
4. Space to keep linen and bedding in some sleeper coaches for supply to passengers on payment of prescribed charges.
5. Introduction of long distance trains having exclusively 2nd class reserved accommodation.
6. Introduction of Day coaches for Intercity day travel.

Total Number of Beggars and their rehabilitation

5478. SHRI AJOY BISWAS :

SHRI JAIPAL SINGH KASHYAP :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) total number of beggars in the country ;