

and minimising protective maintenance will cripple the Railways;

(b) whether the rate at which the coaches, wagons and tracks are being attended to overhauled will never make the Railways to catch up; and

(c) if so, steps taken to meet this important national aspect and with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No routine checks are skipped. All the passenger and goods trains are given proper maintenance and also given scheduled attention at nominated intermediate stations. Goods trains comprising of latest designed Stock which are equipped with roller bearings, centre buffer couplers and slack adjusters etc. are allowed to run for longer distances. Such trains are given intensive examination at the start of the long runs.

(b) the monthly rate of out-turn of BG coaches from Periodical Overhaul (POH) workshops has increased from about 1925 in 80-81 to about 1960 in 81-82. The increase in BG wagon out-turn is from about 5980 four wheelers to 7390 per month. With further increase in out-turn planned, the out-turn is expected to match the arisings.

Overhauling of track is an item of systematic regular track maintenance operation wherein shallow screening of ballast in addition to through packing is also carried out in 1/3rd to 1/4th length of the section every year. Rest of the track is through packed at least once and repeated if necessary. Besides stocks are also attended to from time to time all over the section. This schedule is completed every year.

(c) Does not arise.

New Reservation system for prospective passengers on waiting list

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new system for sitting reservation has been provided by Government for the passengers who are on the waiting list and are not in a position to be given sleeper berth; and

(b) if so, the details regarding this new system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A certain number of wait-listed passengers in the order of seniority, are provided with sitting accommodation berth in First Class and Second Class Sleeper coaches of a train and allotted with sleeping berths falling vacant due to passengers with confirmed reservations not turning up.

Talks held with Tanzanian President

6289. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he called on Tanzanian President Mr. Julius K. Nyerere on 23 February, 1982;

(b) whether a member of Planning Commission Dr. M. S. Swaminathan also called on him the same day;

(c) whether they discussed major international issues and some bilateral matters relating to economic and technical co-operation; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?