

Year	Wheels	Axles
1980	30,032	15,924
1981	18,839	7,206

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

Number of trains cancelled due to shortage of coal

1223. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) number of trains that had to be cancelled in the country in the year 1981 and upto 1st June, 1982 due to want of coal, Zone-wise ;

(b) whether there is plenty of coal on the pit heads and Railways are unable to carry that even to keep the trains running ; and

(c) if so, steps taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The maximum number of trains which were cancelled on the Railways due to shortage of coal on any single day during 1981 was 352 pairs in June. The figures for January, February, March, April, May and June (1st) 1982 were 94.5, 81.0, 77.5, 86.5, 78.5 and 32.5 pairs respectively.

(b) The availability of steam coal in the country which is required by Railways for running trains services is not adequate and as against the requirement of about 3200 wagons per day, the availability at rail heads is only around 2200 wagons per day. The Railways have therefore perforce to resort to cancellation of some less important and less patronised trains to keep the core industries running.

(c) A liaison is being maintained with the Department of Coal and Coal Producing Authorities to step up availability of steam coal.

Amenities for road passengers and truck operators

1224. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations made by the Transport Development Council in 1977 about amenities for road passenger and truck operators ; and

(b) the action taken thereon by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESARI) : (a) and (b) The Council had recommended that the State Govts. should set up truck terminals in all cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs and that if there were any special difficulties, the state Governments should consider taking necessary measures to remove these difficulties. It was also recommended that resting place and other wayside amenities for the truck crews be provided. The Council had also desired the Ministry to explore the possibility of provision of finance for the States from the banks and other sources at a reasonable rate of interest.

The State Governments have already been requested to implement the schemes of truck terminals and wayside amenities. The schemes of Truck Parking complexes at Murthal in Haryana and Jullunder in Punjab have been finalised. The Central Govt. under a special scheme formulated for the purpose extends financial assistance in the shape of bearing the cost of Land for parking