

Shortage of Passenger Train Compartments

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

(a) whether there is shortage of passenger train compartments in the country;

(b) if so, facts in details giving total number of compartments in shortage, number of compartments needing replacement, number of compartments needing normal replacement per year (1982), and the number of compartments produced in the country; and

(c) whether the shortage is for the wheels and axles; if so, fact thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The present coach holding is just about adequate to maintain existing services but the number of coaches requiring replacement is very large. Due to non-availability of adequate funds, the sixth Plan provision for acquisition of 5,680 coaches falls short of the need based requirement of 14,141 coaches comprising of 7,742 coaches for meeting the needs of replacement of over-aged coaches and 6,399 coaches for meeting the annual growth of 5.5 per cent in non-suburban passenger traffic. The number of overaged coaches, including passenger coaching vehicles and other coaching vehicles as on 31-3-82 was 1912 on broad gauge and 1152 on metre gauge. During the period 1981-82, 1167 coaches were produced and placed on line, except 32 coaches which were exported. There is no shortage of wheels and axles for passenger coaches on the Indian Railways.

Fifth Report by Railway Reforms Committee

694. SHRI DAULAT SINGH JADEJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Reforms Committee has recommended for improving facilities to

passengers in its Fifth Report submitted to the Government;

(b) if so what are the suggestions made by the Committee in its report; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). Fifth Report of the Railway Reforms Committee deals with Production and Maintenance of Locomotive, Wagons and Passenger Coaches. The report was received towards the end of December, 1982 and various recommendations made therein are being proposed. Meanwhile, copies of the Report have been placed in the library of the Parliament.

Non-Payment of Salaries to Teachers of D.A.V. Degree College, Varanasi and Arya Mahila Degree College, Varanasi

695. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has received representations regarding the non-payment of salaries to the teachers of D.A.V. College, Varanasi and Arya Mahila Degree College, Varanasi;

(b) if so whether it is being considered to provide the teachers of the said colleges the same facilities as is available to the teachers of Banaras Hindu University; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to make the funds available to college for the payment of salaries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Representations have been received indicating that the grants available to these Colleges from the Government of Uttar Pradesh are not sufficient to meet