

locomotive manufacturing units during 1982-83 was :

I.C.F.	—	100%
B.E.M.L.	—	100%
*JESSOPS	—	38%
Railway Work-shops	—	100%

(*However, orders by Railways were placed for 100% utilisation of installed capacity).

Locos :

C.L.W.	—	89%
D.L.W.	—	92%

(c) Based on the funds made available, the procurement of 6286 coaches (including EMUs) and 780 diesel/electric locomotives was planned during the VIth Plan period. During the first three year period 1980-83, 3139 coaches (including EMUs) and 609 diesel/electric locomotives have been procured from these units for the Railway's use. (In addition, they produced 32 coaches for export and 84 locomotives for Public Sector Undertakings).

(d) The targets fixed for capacity utilisation of each coach/locomotive manufacturing unit for 1983-84 are as under :

Coaches :

I.C.F.	—	800
B.E.M.L.	—	325
JESSOPS	—	172 (including 72 EMUs)

Locomotives (including orders for Public Sector Units)

C.L.W.	—	93
D.L.W.	—	127

Targets for 1984-85, 1985-86 will be finalised based on forecast of availability of funds in due course.

Requirement/availability and average break up of passenger coaches

5051. SHRI RAM PRASAD AHIRWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the requirement-availability position of passenger coaches at present and what is the average break-up of the cycle of 24 hours of the movement of a passenger coach in hours and minutes under (1) run time in train (2) terminal lie over at both ends, and (3) periodic overhauling, sick idling and spare ;

(b) zone-wise names of mail, express and passenger train rakes whose terminal lie-over at one end is 8 or more hours ; and

(c) whether it is possible to reduce this terminal lie over so as to reduce passenger crowding in coaches and congestion at platforms and in yards and also to provide more hours of passenger services and increase railway revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) :

(a) Statistics indicating percentage of time for which passenger coaches remain idle on 'Zonal Railways' is not being maintained. Productivity of passenger coaches is however, assessed on the basis of vehicle km. per vehicle day. The utilisation of passenger carrying vehicles, in terms of vehicle km. per vehicle days, during 1982-83 (Upto Dec. 82) was 338 on BG and 187 on MG.

(b) Such information is not being maintained.

(c) With a view to improve the utilisation of coaches railways are integrating rake links and utilising the lie-over of rakes wherever feasible.

Allopathic drugs going off the list every year

5062. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of allopathic drugs go off the list every year on account of their side effects which are even deadlier than the diseases they are meant to cure ;

(b) if so, whether there exists any mechanism in his Ministry to monitor information on all such drugs not only through international drug agencies but other local sources also ;

(c) which are the principal drugs which have recently been taken off the list and whether it is a continuing process ; and

(d) if so, whether such information is made public also apart from being published in the important Medical Journals to prevent their use by the public ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Allopathic drugs which are used in medical practice may have side-effects. These side-effects which come to light after the drug has been in use for some time could be of a minor or serious nature. If the side effects are of a serious nature so that the risk as a result of administration of the drug outweighs the benefit, action to withdraw the drug from the market is taken.

(b) There is at present no mechanism at national level for monitoring Adverse Drug Reactions. The information regarding Adverse Drug Reaction is received mainly through the World Health Organisation and other regulatory agencies from developed countries where the system of monitoring Adverse Drugs Reaction has substantially been developed. Whenever information regarding Adverse Drug Reaction is received and if the drug is marketed in the country, the Drugs Controller (India) consults medical experts in the country including the Indian Council of Medical Research seeking their advice regarding the course of action to be taken by the Government in the light of the action taken by other regulatory authorities.

(c) and (d). The World Health Organisation have reported withdrawal of 20 drugs by certain countries. Out of these, 8 drugs were not at all approved for being marketed in India and action to withdraw 8 drugs from the Indian Market had already been taken in consultation with the experts. In respect of the remaining 4 drugs, a decision was taken to permit the marketing of these drugs in the country subject to a cautionary statement and contra-indications being given on the label/package insert in some cases. The names of the drugs in respect of which action has been taken to stop manufacture and sale are as under :

1. Nialamide and its preparations.
2. Practolol and its preparations.
3. Preparations containing Borax/Boric Acid for use in children.
4. Fixed dose combinations of Oestrogens and Progestins excluding preparations intended for use as oral contraceptives only.
5. Amidopyrine and its preparations.
6. Phenacetin and its preparations.
7. Methapyrilene, its salts and preparations thereof.
8. Tetracycline liquid oral dosage preparations.

Information regarding withdrawal of any existing drug due to its reported toxicity etc. is forwarded to the State Drug Controllers and various agencies like Manufacturers' Associations, Associations of Chemists and Druggists, Indian Medical Association etc.

Coal siding projects

5063. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways' proposed coal siding projects have been stalled due to a controversy between the coal companies and the Railways over the creation of additional line at the sidings to retain the sick wagons ;