who now spend hours in collecting firewood and water can be helped by simple technologies. Another study, being undertaken in collaboration with a major international women's organisation, is to assess the effectiveness of the organisation's approach to providing tube wells to villages in India.

(b) The Women and Development Programme was set up towards the end of 1980 as a unit within the Secretariat to assist countries in the Commonwealth in their efforts to improve the position of women.

(c) The functions of the Women and Development Programme of the Secretariat is to help women increase their own ability to respond to their needs and advance their interests, including their capacity to influence official policy and decision-making within their countries. An important aim has been to create and strengthen national women's bureaux which can be resource for both women and Governments.

The activities of the Women and Development Programme Unit of the Secretariat have been broadly summarised in part (a) above.

बीकानेर डिवीजन में नियुक्त ट्रेवॉलग टिकट एग्जामिनरों के विरुद्ध सतर्कता के मामले

4952. श्री तारिक अनवर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंत्रालय को मालूम है कि सार्व-जनिक ड्यूटी पर भ्रष्टाचार में अंतग्रेंस्त कर्म-चारियों के विरुद्ध सतर्कता के मामले चलाए जाते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या कोई ऐसे नियम हैं कि इन कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध सतर्कता मामलों में जांच-पड़ताल के दौरान उन्हें नियुक्त किए गए डिवीजन/जोन से दूसरे डिवीजन/जोन/मुख्यालय में स्थानान्तरित किया जाता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या उत्तरी रेलवे के बीकानेर डिवीजन में नियुक्त ट्रेवलिंग टिकट एग्जामिनरों को उस डिवीजन से कहीं और स्थानान्तरित किया जाना था क्योंकि उनके विरुद्ध भ्रष्टाचार के मामले थे ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या उन कर्मचारियों को स्थानान्तरित किया गया था ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उन स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं जहां उन्हें स्थानान्तरित किया गया था अथवा क्या वे अभी भी उन्हीं स्थानों पर नियुक्त हैं, जहां उनके विरुद्ध भ्रष्टाचार के मामले आरम्भ किए गए थे ;

(च) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उनके विरुद्ध अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की है ; और

(छ) यदि कोई कार्य बाही नहीं की गई तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ):(क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं, परन्तु प्रणासनिक हिदायतें अवश्य मौजूद हैं कि कदाचार में लिप्त पकड़े गये कर्मचारियों को अन्तर्मण्डलीय स्थानान्तरण पर भेजा जाना चाहिए।

(ग) वर्ष 1983 में, सतर्कता मामले के कारण बीकानेर मंडल के किसी चल टिकट परीक्षक के प्रस्तावित स्थानान्तरण का कोई मामला नहीं था।

(घ) से (छ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Reduction in off-take of Wagons by Railways from Wagon Industry

4953. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have taken a decision to reduce their offtake of wagons from the wagon industry during 1984-85;

(b) whether it would adversely affect the wagon industry which has been troubled

with persistently low capacity utilisation for some years ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the afore-said decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. The off-take of wagons is consistent with the funds outlay.

(b) The off-take of wagons during the 4th and 5th Five Year Plan periods was around 11000 wagons in terms of four wheelers per annum...The target for 1984-85 would be much thigher than this figure. Thus, there has been a significant improvement in the capacity utilisation of wagon industry.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Mechanisation at Cochin Port

4954. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to intro duce mechanisation at Cochin Port ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANS-PORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). There is no proposal aimed at achieving total mechanisation for the handling of general cargo at the port. However, under the Integrated Development Project, a mechanical unloader is to be erected at the fertiliser berth by the FACT for handling their fertiliser raw-materials in bulk. Further, two tyre mounted transfer cranes and two forklift trucks are proposed to be procured for handling of containers at the stack yard to provide facilities for handling of containers.

Proposal of West Bengal Government to extend Bus Service upto Tripura via Bangladesh

4955. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the

Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal Government made any proposal to extend bus service upto Tripura via Bangladesh considering the present lack of communication of Tripura with the rest of the country ;

(b) whether West Bengal Government had requested the Central Government to take up the issue with the Bangladesh Government so that the scheme could be introduced;

(c) whether Central Government have started any negotiation with the Bangladesh Government in this respect ;

(d) if so, what is the progress of the discussion; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANS-PORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) to (e). In the absence of any formal Motor Vehicle Commercial Traffic Agreement with Bangladesh, there is no passenger road-traffic between the two countries. However, the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission is working out details of an agreement which inter-alia includes identification of routes for operation of passenger traffic between the two countries.

Railway accidents due to sabotage

4956. SHRI BHERAVADAN K. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases of Sabotage in Railways have resulted into derailment of goods and passenger trains for the last one year :

(b) how many people died and how many injured because of these accidents ;

(c) how much compensation was paid to the injured and the families of the deceased ; and