

6. Aldomet STC have been requested to import a small quantity of Methyl Dopa from the Principals of Merck Sharp & Dohme in U. S. A. to cover about 3 month's entitlement of M. S. D. (India) as a stop gap arrangement IDPL and other Indian units have agreed to formulate from the Hungarian material.

7. Indocid STC have been requested to import a small quantity of Indomethacin from the principals of M. S. D. in U. S. A. as a stop gap arrangement. IDPL will also shortly be putting in the market their formulation of Indomethacin

Uniforms to Staff of S. & T. on Northern, North Eastern, Western and South Central Railways

8867 SHRI RAJDEO SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various categories of staff of Signal and Telecommunication Department have been provided with uniforms as per revised Dress Regulation over the Northern, North-Eastern, Western and South Central Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details of uniforms provided to each category over the above mentioned Railways division-wise, along with the date of last supply and whether uniforms have been according to Amendment No. 9 of Northern Railway to all class IV and class III staff;

(c) if so, what are the facts of supply; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Year-wise Planning for Building Wagons (upto 1978)

8368. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise planning done upto 1978 for building the wagons strength to match with the increasing freight traffic:

(b) the arrangements made for procuring the required number of wagons in a phased manner; and

(c) the details of financial allocations made for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) to (c). Requirements of wagons are assessed by the Railways for the Five Year Plan period as a whole taking into consideration the anticipated growth of traffic during the Plan period. The draft Fifth Five Year Plan document envisages procurement of 1,00,000 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers) during the Plan period in order to meet the demand of traffic at the end of the Plan

In 1974-75, the first year of the Plan, 10,958 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers) were procured at an estimated cost of Rs. 57.40 crores. The provision of Rs. 37.13 crores for wagons made in the Annual Plan 1975-76 would enable procurement of about 6,000 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers) during the year. The number of wagons to be procured during the remaining years of the Plan will depend upon the availability of funds and the trend of traffic materialisation.