

tive materials in packaging, railway sleepers, building construction, furniture etc.

8. Efforts are being made to control shifting cultivation.

9. Guidelines have been issued to State/UT Governments from time to time for protection of forests. Some of these guidelines are as follows:

i) To avoid felling of natural forests and where such felling is inevitable on silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills, and 25 hectares in the plains.

ii) To consider banning of green felling in the hills and mountains above 1000 metres.

iii) To set apart 4% of the geographical area as protection area under wild-life sanctuaries, national parks & biosphere reserve and others.

#### **Manufacture of Coaches**

889. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Railway coaches are likely to be required in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details of planning to meet the demand of Railway coaches in future;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of coaches being manufactured by the Government per year at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Works have been sanctioned to

increase the production capacity of coaches, from 1000 to 1150 coaches per year at Integral Coach Factory, Madras, and a new unit has been set up at Kapurthala to produce 1000 coaches per year.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) About 2200 coaches are being produced per annum by Railways including production in Public Sector Undertakings.

#### **Implementation of Tikku Committee**

890. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:  
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:  
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Tikku Committee; and

(b) the reaction of the Government and the doctors thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) A statement showing the recommendations of the Tikku Committee is attached.

(b) The Government has announced its decisions on the recommendations of the Tikku Committee vide O.M.No. A. 45013/13/90-CHS-V dated 14.11.1991 (Annexure) There is mixed reaction of the doctors on the recommendations of Tikku Committee.

#### **STATEMENT**

1. Officers of the GDMO Sub-Cadre may be promoted to the grade of CMO after they have put in 10 years of service on seniority-cum-fitness basis without linkage such promotions to vacancies.