

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5970
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2001
HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hospitals and dispensaries under Western Railway for the railway employees in Maharashtra at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that these dispensaries/hospitals are not able to cope up with the requirement of the large number of railway employees in Western Railway; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5970 SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.4.2001 REGARDING HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.

(a) to (c) : At present there is one Zonal Railway Hospital and 9 Health Units in Maharashtra area of Western Railway where preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care services are provided to the employees and their family dependants. Specialised services in gastroentrology are available at the Zonal Hospital (Jagjivan Ram Hospital), Mumbai Zonal Hospital, Sub-Divisional Hospital and Health Units are manned by adequate number of Doctors and paramedical staff. Besides this, some private hospitals and institutions are recognized for referral of complicated cases for management as per need.

Based on the needs of the railway population, health care facilities were developed at various places. These facilities are reviewed from time to time and augmented by providing new equipment, additional facilities etc. wherever necessary based on the need and justification.

From the available reports, Western Railway is able to meet the health care needs of Railway population adequately. There is no increase in the work force or spurt in workload in Maharashtra region of Western Railway.