

Permanent Negotiating Machinery. The safety precautions of the shops are constantly being reviewed and corrective action is initiated where necessary.

sition of rolling stock (ii) the freight operations (iii) renovation of sick railway-lines and (iv) extension of lines;

Short-Fall in Sixth Plan Targets by Railways

1298. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways fall considerably short of planned targets at the end of the Sixth Plan in (i) the acqui-

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether it is mainly due to short allocations of funds therefor and if so, what active steps are being taken to augment the fund allocations therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b).

	Target for the Sixth Plan	Expected acquisition/achievement
1. Rolling Stock		
(a) Wagons	1,00,000 (Scaled down to 77,000 at the time of mid-term appraisal)	73,000 approx..
(b) Locomotives	780 (Revised to 980)	900 approx.
(c) Coaches	5,680	5,000 approx.
(d) EMUs	606	660 approx.
2. Track renewal	14,000 kms.	9,200 kms.
3. Freight Traffic	309 mt.	264 mt.
4. New Lines	No target	About 700 kms.

The rolling stock acquired will be marginally less than the revised targets, the short fall being mainly on account of inadequate plan allocations. In respect of coaches the existing production capacity also militated against larger acquisition of stock.

The short fall in track renewal was chiefly due to phenomenal increase in the price of rails and track components.

The short fall in freight traffic will be essentially because of reduced offer of traffic from core sectors in the earlier months of 1984-85; the railways were garred to lift 270 mt. of traffic but because of reduced after the target for 1984-85 had to be scaled down from 270 to 264 mt.

(c) Allocation to the railways was less than their requirement, and a step up will be possible only with larger mobilisation of resources at the national level.

Bridge over Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh

1299. SHRI ANAND PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering for the construction of a bridge over the Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh ;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and