

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) Nine persons were killed and three persons suffered minor injury as a result of explosion and fire on board Oil Tanker M.T. 'Lajpat Rai' on 24-10-1984.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The tanker was loading Bombay High crude when the explosion occurred. There was one major explosion on 24-10-1984 resulting in fire on Board. This was followed by a few minor explosions over the next 24 hours due to accumulation of gas in different compartments.

(d) and (e). The Director General of Shipping has already ordered statutory investigations under the Merchant Shipping Act which are in progress.

Insufficient Supply of Mafron-6 Gas for Air-conditioning the Trains

*306. SHRI NARAYAN CHOU-BEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Administration is failing to supply gas named Mafron-6 to A.C trains which is affecting the air-conditioning of the A.C. Coaches ;

(b) whether air-conditioning of several bogies of the Rajdhani Express which left Howrah on 10 March, 1985 suffered serious setback due to insufficient supply of Mafron-6 causing embarrassment to railway employees on duty and inconvenience to the travelling passengers ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. When Rajdhani Express left Howrah on 10-3-85 the airconditioning on all the Coaches was in order. However, while on the run, be-

fore reaching Dhanbad, equipment in one A.C. Chair Coach developed a defect causing less cooling, which could be partly attended to by the accompanying air-conditioning staff.

Offer by Indian Physicians Abroad to Train Indian Physicians and Transfer High Technology of Medical Science

*307. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received offer (s) from Physicians of Indian origin settled abroad for training Indian Physicians and to transfer high technology relating to medical science to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Representatives of the American Indian Medical Association (AIMA) had intimated that they would like to offer the services of Doctors of Indian origin who are on home leave to visit Medical Colleges and other Institutions for giving lectures, holding seminars, symposia and demonstrating their skills. The MCI have been made a nodal point for implementing the programme. Doctors of Indian origin also desire to invest in establishing hospitals which can provide highly skilled and specialised services. They are being encouraged to establish hospitals where highly trained and skilled doctors of Indian origin will work.

Shortage of Blood Banks

*308. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :