

has just come to us. It will take some more time to come to certain decisions in this respect.

SHRI B. V. DESAI: It is in August that they have submitted the report. The Minister says that it has just come. It is about six months now.

Secondly, it is a valuable document and it concerns the valuable lives of the villagers in the villages. Actually, they are devoid of any medical facilities. Under the scheme, they have proposed so many valuable suggestions, opening of hospitals in every village, at least one doctor for one village, subsidised medical facilities to weaker sections and so many other things. May I know whether the Government is thinking positively in this direction or they are simply sleeping over the report?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: We are definitely moving in that direction. We have changed our emphasis now from curing to preventive aspect of health care.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI: In the Answer the hon. Minister has agreed that it is correct that so far as some cases are concerned, the doctors prescribe drugs with limited Medical potential. So, in some cases, it is time and these cases are generally found in rural areas, in villages, where health care for the common man is very much limited. In view of the importance of this subject will the hon'ble Minister try to find out and punish the doctors who are found to be guilty so that at least in the rural areas where health care is very much needed they can be provided with cheap medicines as well as with expertise for their benefit?

SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR: Sir, I have also said in my main answer that on the face of it or in certain cases it may be correct but

to implicate the entire medical profession will not be a very wise proposition. However, I feel, if the medical profession could be made to be more careful in its prescribing habits then the things can improve further.

SHRI G. B. GOHIL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very vital question and needs to be discussed at length. Sir, the scientists and doctors have recommended as to how curative and preventive measures could be established in the country. The detailed recommendations are yet to be known but I would like to know who will take the decision on the research and development which has been done, by the scientists and doctors? Whether the report will be examined by technocrats or bureaucrats? Secondly, Sir, in their recommendation they have clearly stated about the difficulties being faced by MBBS and MD qualified doctors. I would like to know whether sufficient research facilities are available in the public health centres and other centres. Sir, there are lot of quacks in the villages who are unnecessary poking their nose. Whether government will take a decision on the Floor of the House so that unqualified doctors are eradicated from the society?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): I do not think he has asked any question based on the main question.

Wagons for Movement of Industrial Goods

*362. **SHRI K. A. RAJAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether the supply position of the wagons for the movement of industrial goods and inputs has improved during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details of the demand and availability of wagons in various zones of the Railways; and

(c) what measures are being taken to improve the availability of wagons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Yes.

(b) Details of the originating loading and pending demands at the end of each month, Railway-wise, are given in the Annexure.

(c) In order to improve the overall availability of wagons, their movement is being specially monitored both at the Zonal railway level and also at Board's level. Every effort is being made to reduce detention to wagons in yards and in sick lines. For haulage of bulk commodities such as foodgrains, cement, fertilizers, coal etc., 'jumbo' rakes consisting of special type covered wagons have been formed to be loaded from single point originating stations to single point destinations in order to improve the turn-round of wagons. In addition, the wagon fleet is also being increased.

ANNEXURE

PENDING DEMANDS FOR WAGONS
(In FOUR WHEELER WAGONS)

TOTAL ORIGINATING LOADING
(IN FOUR WHEELER WAGONS)

Railways	Sept., 80			Oct., 80			Nov., 80*			Sept., 80			Oct., 80			Nov., 80**		
	BG	MG		BG	MG		BG	MG		BG	MG		BG	MG		BG	MG	
Central . . .	2186	15		2246	15		2275	11		21811	..		39665	306		44855	222	
Eastern . . .	5318	..		5560	..		5590	..		65803	..		48813	..		49110	..	
Nothern . . .	2156	518		2061	556		2189	564		22576	30539		12144	15888		13482	16192	
North Eastern . . .	6	639		6	932		5	1204		..	12381	..	14974	16285	
Notheast Frontier . . .	147	500		127	508		118	443		9281	36744		4002	15286		N.A.	N.A.	
Southern . . .	918	673		871	739		843	721		4204	10140		2652	4015		3778	3574	
South Central . . .	1649	554		1554	568		1757	590		24056	6586		18631	8710		19345	8425	
South Eastern . . .	7862	..		8071	..		8482	..		74006	..		25206	..		35923	..	
Western . . .	1908	1596		1837	1659		1932	1613		6839	5000		12047	13573		15128	16987	
TOTAL (DAILY AVERAGE) . . .	22150	4495		22333	4977		23191	5146		228576	101390		163160	72752		181621	61695	

*Provisional **Provisional and except N. F. Railway figures.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have gone through the statement laid on the Table of the House. It does not show any marked improvement in the turn-out of wagons. The turn-round of wagons is going on in a slow pace because some of the consignees do not unload them in proper time. There are various such instances. Even the FCI could not unload the wagons in time, thereby creating bottlenecks in the turn-round of wagons, I would like to know from the Minister as to what corrective steps are being taken to see that the availability of wagons and the turn-round of wagons are put in proper order.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: It is a fact as far as the wagons movement is concerned. As the hon. Member has mentioned unloading is also a fact. But at the same time we have now taken concrete steps to see that there is an augmentation in the turn-round of wagons and empties reach destinations for loading in a speedy way. In November we have loaded about 28,337 wagons in terms of 4 wheelers both on BG and MG lines. It is an improvement when compared to the previous 2 months. Now we have started on the jumbo rate, from the originating station to the destination station directly and the loading will be taken up without much disturbance in between. We are trying to improve the turn-round to see that empties reach the loading point again in a speedy way.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Second supplementary: I would like to know from the Minister whether what I say now is a fact or not. There is a report that about 2500 units are held up for wheels, tyres and axles due to slippage from Durgapur steel plant. Another 160 CRT wagons are waiting for light-weight couplers and 600 are waiting for laminated bearing springs. SGI bearings and vacuum-brake cylinders are also

not available from the trade. Apart from that large-scales thefts are going on. Is it true or not? I would like to have a specific reply from the hon. Minister about all these points which I have raised.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: The wagon industry which is supposed to produce a certain target is also suffering on one or two aspects. The hon. Member mentioned that Railway has got an obligation to supply wheel-sets and laminated bearings wagon builders. These are at the moment, not adequately available. We wanted to supply 17,000 such wheel-sets and others to the wagon industry which we could not do. Only in the month of June it has come to our notice that we are unable to provide this to them and we have also been thinking in terms of importing these things so that we will be able to supply these things to them and production of wagons will be stepped up.

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Some shipyards are equipped with modern equipments to manufacture these wagons; for example, I know, Cochin Shipyard has very modern equipment to manufacture railway wagons. We do not utilise such equipments and existing facilities for wagon manufacture. Will the Government consider my suggestion to diversify the existing production facilities of firms to manufacture these wagons to improve the position in regard to short-supply of wagons?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Such shipyards producing sophisticated things etc. are not in our list at the moment but if any shipyard is prepared to produce and supply wagons, the Railways will be very happy to take them.