

of onion by rail how much quantity has been transported from Maharashtra to different parts of the country by rail upto the end of April, 1981;

(b) what is the balance in the market yards and at railhead; and

(c) how much onion is to be transported by rail in the coming three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) Onion traffic from Maharashtra State is offered on the Central Railway. During January to April, 1981, a total of 6,331 wagons were loaded with onions as against 4,779 wagons loaded during the corresponding period of the previous year. During these months supply of wagons for loading of onions was increased due to which 949 indents for wagons were cancelled or withdrawn.

(b) On 30-4-1981 there were 391 indents for onions pending with the Central Railway.

(c) The Railways have no information regarding the amount of onions lying in the market and which may be offered by rail. However, every effort will be made to clear the demand satisfactorily.

Nurse beaten up in Railway Hospital

*1104. **SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:**

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a senior Nurse in Railway Hospital on Basant Road, New Delhi was seriously beaten up by a Class IV employee of the same Hospital;

(b) whether the Railway authorities have neither suspended nor

punished the assailant in this case and have on the contrary as reported in *Hindustan Times* dated the 13th April, 1981 threatened the Nurses for allowing the press photographers to photograph the injured nurse;

(c) whether 100 Nurses of the same hospital in a memorandum have urged the authorities to suspend the assailant and provide adequate security to them;

(d) whether a similar incident had occurred 9 months ago and the authorities had taken a lenient view; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against the assailants and hospital authorities for not taking immediate action against the culprit in both the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) No, Sir. A lady class IV staff assaulted a Junior Nurse. The Nurse beat her back. As a result, both the Nurse and the lady Class IV staff sustained minor injuries and were hospitalised.

(b) No, Sir. The assailant has been transferred and punitive action is being taken against her under Discipline and Appeal Rules.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Wagon shortage in Bhavnagar and Rajkot

*1105. **SHRI RAMJIBHAI MAVANI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last eight months, sufficient number of empty wagons have not been allotted to Bhavnagar and Rajkot Division (Gujarat) on Western

Railway for export of various items and materials towards North India and East India;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) by what time sufficient number of wagons are likely to be allotted to these divisions;

(d) the number of wagons demanded by various parties and individuals during the above period and how many were made available;

(e) whether representations have been received in this regard during the above period from various Chambers of Commerce and Industries of Rajkot, Muryz Gondul, Amerlz, Rajula, Bhavnagar and Mahuya ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). During the last eight months a large number of wagons were supplied for movement of traffic from Bhavnagar and Rajkot Divisions on Western Railway towards North and East India. A total sum of 2,25,022 (BG & MG) wagons were loaded from August '80 to March '81 on Bhavnagar and Rajkot Divisions leaving 20,529 (BG & MG) indents outstanding at the end of March '81. Efforts are being made to clear the outstanding demands as expeditiously as possible.

(e) and (f). Complaints of a general nature were received from Chambers of Commerce as well as individual industries, trade interests and private parties regarding shortage of wagons, difficulty in clearance *via* transhipment points and delay in supply of wagons by such route. Action was taken immediately to maximise the wagon supply subject constraints of movement

especially towards the North Eastern region on account of prolonged disturbed conditions in that area.

Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital, New Delhi

*1106. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital, New Delhi is languishing for want of funds;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government is giving some financial aid to this hospital;

(c) whether any representation has been made to the centre in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The hospital is under the control of Delhi Administration and they meet the expenditure on its running.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Talks held with Tanzanian President

*1107. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere during his recent visit to New Delhi discussed the situation arising from the increasing presence of big rival naval powers in Indian Ocean and ex-