

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-

pansion of U.S. naval base in Diego Garcia; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions ?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Tanzanian President, and the Prime Minister of India expressed their grave concern over the increasing escalation of Great Power military presence in the Indian Ocean area notwithstanding the express wishes of the littoral and hinterland states of the Indian Ocean. They noted with serious concern the expansion of Diego Garcia base and all other manifestations of intensified military presence in the Indian Ocean by the Great Powers and called on these powers to progressively reduce and eventually eliminate their military presence from the Indian Ocean.

**Steps to augment D.T.C. buses at peak hours**

\*1108. **SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps which have been taken by Government to augment Delhi Transport Corporation bus fleet at peak hours during 1981-82; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of mini buses on busy routes ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):** (a) During 1981-82, as many as 589 buses would be added to the Delhi Transport Corporation's own bus fleet. Besides, the complement of P.O. Buses under D.T.C. is proposed to be increased from 587 to 1000.

Thus the increased number of buses and their plying both by way of regular schedule and the additional/special trips are expected to meet the peak hour demands.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

**News item captioned "Saudi Arms aid to hit Indo-Pak Ties"**

\*1109. **SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Saudi arm aid to hit Indo-Pak ties" appearing in *Times of India* dated the 15th April, 1981;

(b) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia is cooperating with Pakistan in many fields including military deal and nuclear field; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government is aware that cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan exists in several fields including military. As far as the nuclear field is concerned, the Governments of both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have denied any cooperation.

(c) India's views on induction of arms into Pakistan have been conveyed to the Saudi Foreign Minister in appropriate terms.