

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It has been decided to conduct an Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for doubling of this section in order to assess the line capacity requirements for meeting the anticipated traffic. Further decision will be taken only after the survey is completed and the project report examined and evaluated in the Railway Ministry.

**Shortage of Anti-Rabies Vaccine in Delhi**

**\*677. DR. SARADISH ROY:** Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are number of dog-biting cases reported in the hospitals in Delhi and shortage of indigenous anti-rabies vaccine is causing discomfort and apprehension to many; and

(b) what steps have been taken in the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):**

(a) The Government are aware of a number of dog-biting cases being reported in Delhi. There is, however, no shortage of anti-rabies vaccine with Hospitals in Delhi during the current year.

(b) The following steps have been taken in the matter:—

(i) Immunization of pet dogs with anti-rabies vaccine,

(ii) Destruction of stray dogs, and

(iii) Treatment of persons with rabid of suspected rabid dog bites.

**Rail Traffic Facility within Hyderabad Metropolitan Region**

**\*678. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a traffic-cum-engineering survey was undertaken to provide rail traffic facility within Hyderabad Metropolitan region;

(b) if so, whether it was sent to Government by the South Central Railway authorities; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) The State Government was advised that in view of scarcity of resources it is not possible to make any firm commitment on the proposals contained in the report at this stage.

**Steam Engines Commissioned before 1955**

**\*680. SHRI K. PRADHANI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) what are the details regarding the steam engines commissioned before 1955 and are still in use; and

(b) what are the changes made in these engines?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) 3403 Steam Locomotives (2006 B.G., 1118 M.G. and 279 N.G.) which were put on line before 1955, are still in service on Indian Railways.

(b) Structural and design changes have been made on some of these locomotives to cater to specific operational needs. Besides during periodical preventive schedules all components which have outlived their useful life are changed.