

श्री के० डी० मालवीय : यह बात सही है कि फ्रांस के राष्ट्रपति के प्रतिनिधि यहाँ पर आये थे—कुछ प्रस्ताव लेकर और उनमें गवर्नमेन्ट आफ इण्डिया के प्रतिनिधियों से बातचीत हुई थी। वे प्रधान मंत्री जी से भी मिले थे और मंत्रियों से भी मिले थे। जो प्रस्ताव उन्होंने दिये—उन पर हम लोग सशुभ्रूतिपूर्वक विचार करेंगे और विचार हुआ भी है।

Increase in Capacities of Workshops

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*498. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any decision to enable the Railways to meet the increased load of periodical wagon overhaul as a result of anticipated increase in broad gauge wagon holdings during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines regarding the capacities of the Workshops likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Schemes for the expansion of the following wagon repair workshops have been sanctioned with the present capacity and the increased capacity given against each:

Name of the Workshop	Present capacity in terms of four wheeler units per year	Increased capacity in terms of four wheeler units per year
Jagadhari	10,800	14,300
Jhansi	14,000	21,000
Kota	9,000	12,000
Raipur	7,500	15,000

In addition, a new wagon repair workshop has been sanctioned on the South Central Railway with a periodical over-haul capacity of 14,000 four wheeler units per annum approximately.

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: What is the real strength of the wagons over-hauled during this year and has that fulfilled the needs? Secondly, will it not be economical to have a wagon repair workshop in Southern Railways also?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: This year, if the hon. Member so desires, the wagon repair installed capacity is 84,000. The overhaul capacity of each workshop has increased as indicated against each name.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: The hon. Minister in his reply has said that a new workshop is also going to come up in the South Central Railway. Perhaps he is mentioning about the wagon workshop for which the Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone recently near Vijayawada. May I know from him when the new workshop will begin its working? Whether any amount has been allocated in the early construction of the workshop. What is the time schedule for the completion?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: A new B.G. wagon repair workshop has been sanctioned on the South Central Railway at Vijayawada with an annual overhaul capacity of 14,000 wagons. Work has been sanctioned and it is expected that the workshop will be completed by 1980-81 and then this will start overhauling this number.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has any proposal to take over Raymon Engineering Works, one of the important wagon-building workshops near Calcutta, which has the most sophisticated machinery? They had some difficulties with the banks, suppliers also

stopped supplies and there has been a winding up order. Even, the workers have made representations. They are willing to forego their dues if the Company is revived. A large number of employees are involved. May I know from the hon. Minister whether any proposal is being considered by the Government of India to take over the Raymon Engineering Works which has a very good potential for manufacture of wagons and save also in the process a number of employees who have lost their jobs?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: Raymon Engineering Works had a capacity of 1244 wagons a year. But, they have not been producing wagons since 1968. The unit is a sick unit and it is closed. Government of India have no proposal to take it over.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: They had difficulties with the banks. You can take over and run it.

SHRI D. N. TIWARY: Sir, May I know whether, with the overhauling capacity created now, all the wagons and bogies will be overhauled in time because we find that many wagons and even passenger bogies remain un-repaired for a long time after the due date?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: Sir, it is a fact that there has been a backlog of periodical overhauling of B.G. wagons. That is why, we have increased the overhauling capacity in all the workshops.

SHRI BISWANARAYAN SHASTRI: May I know from the hon. Minister, what is the total availability of wagons at present and what is the estimated requirement during the Fifth Plan? I would also like to know whether with the creation of new capacity and overhauling capacity, will his Ministry be able to meet that requirement?

SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI: Sir, the total holding of wagons of the Indian Railways as on today is

3,91,217. that is, all types. The Planning Commission has estimated that the wagon requirements for the Fifth Plan, commensurate with the traffic that is expected to be carried which is about 280, million tonnes, would be about one lakh wagons, that is about 20,000 wagons per year.

श्री हुकम चन्द कठवाय : मंत्री जी ने मध्य रेलवे, वैस्टर्न रेलवे की कुछ वर्कशापस का उल्लेख किया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इन्हीं वर्कशापस में जो मरम्मत के लिए डिब्बे आते हैं, जिसके आपने आंकड़े बनाये, उनमें गार्ड के डिब्बे भी शामिल हैं? गार्ड के डिब्बों की रिपेयरिंग कितनी बार हुई है और नैरोगेज के जो गार्ड के डिब्बे हैं उनकी मरम्मत का कोई कार्रवाई ही नहीं है। और एक डिब्बे की कितनी मियाद रखने है तथा कितनी बार रिपेयरिंग होती है?

श्री सुहृमद लाली कुरेशी : सवाल वेगन्स का है। गार्ड वेगन्स में सफर नहीं करते हैं। उनकी कोच अलग से होती है। जहाँ तक वेगन्स का सवाल है उनकी मरम्मत के लिए स्टेट कंपैनिटी बड़ा दी है। जो सवाल भ्रान्तीय मदद ने पूछा है उसके लिए मने नोटिस चाहिए।

Working of Hindustan Antibiotics

*500. **SHRI S. N. MISRA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have inquired into the working of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pimpri, Poona during the last three years;

(b) if so, the nature of irregularities found by Government; and

(c) steps taken by Government to improve the drawbacks?

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