

Freight Traffic

1374. DR. D. VENKATESWARA
RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have started
with a shortfall in freight traffic during 1993;

(b) if so, the freight target set for the first
six months of 1993 and the extent of the
target achieved

(c) whether loading of iron ore and
finished steel continues to be poor;

(d) if so the details thereof and the

reasons therefore; and

(e) the measures taken to met the
freight target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C.
LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against the target of 185.5 million
tonnes the actual loading was 177.8 million
tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During January to June , 1993 the
target and loading for iron ore for export and
finished steel were as follows:-

(in million tonnes)

	<i>Target</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
Iron ore for export	6.65	4.82
Pig iron & Finished steel	6.20	6.11

The shortfall in loading of above com-
modities has been due to less offer of traffic.

(e) Railways are constantly in touch
with the concerned organistions to offer
maximum possible traffic for rail loading.

[Translation]

Privatisation of D M S

1375. DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:
SHRI BAIRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose

to hand over the management of the Delhi
milk Scheme to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether applications have been in-
vited/proposed to be invited from private
companies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the policy framed by the Govern-
ment for alternative employment to persons
working under DMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no proposal
at present to hand over the management of
the Delhi Milk Scheme ((DMS) to the private
Sector.

(b) to (e) . Do not arise.

[English]

**Assistance form Overseas
Organisations for consumer movement**

1376. DR. R MALLU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Movement is not receiving any substantial support from the Union Government or from the State Governments;

(b) whether the big consumer organisations are seeking and getting financial support from the overseas organisations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof:

(d) whether the Government propose to bring out an upto date list of all NGOs actively involved in consumer protection in various fields, and assist them fully in worthwhile projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Government accords high priority to consumer protection programme and has taken a number of steps to promote a strong and broad based consumer movement in the country. Such steps include enactment and enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986; amendment of various legislations such as Prevention of Food Adulteration Act etc. to empower consumers and registered consumer organisations to file complaints of seminars, training programmes, workshops, exhibitions etc; preparation of audio visual

materials; broadcasting of weekly programme "Apne Adhikar" from AIR; printing of literature in the field of consumer protection and its free distribution; publishing of quarterly journal "Upabhokta Jagaran"; grant of financial assistance to consumer organisations etc.

(b) and (c). Some consumer organisations like Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad etc. are receiving financial support from overseas organisations such as Ford Foundations, IDRC etc.

(d) Government has brought out a Directory containing the addresses of voluntary consumer organisations functioning the country. This Directory was released on 15th March, 1992. Government has schemes to grant financial assistance to voluntary consumer organisations for worthwhile projects.

Wastage of Sugar

1377. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR
SHASTRI:
SHRI MANJAY LAL:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "2 million tonnes of sugar being wasted annually" appearing in Economic Times dated May 10, 1993;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of sugar wasted every year due to lack of adequate facilities in the country;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide adequate facilities in this regard; and