

Gangmen now in PWIs and IOWs offices?

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

(a) No, but a few literate Class IV staff are being utilised occasionally in office work.

(b) and (d). There is no shortage and the maintenance of permanent way is good.

(c) Yes.

Non-availability of Septran Medicines in Dispensaries and Hospitals

1925. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Septeran (Tablets and Syrup) medicine is not available at CGHS Dispensaries in New Delhi and other hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of Septran medicine, CGHS Dispensaries supply the alternative medicine to the patients; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The Septran (Tablets and Syrup) medicine is being procured and supplied under its generic name of Trime-thoprim or Sulphamethoxazole and not under its brand name, as per policy of the Government based on the recommendations of the Hathi Committee Report.

(c) and (d). Supplies in C.G.H.S. Dispensaries are medicines with the same composition as Septran medicine and in the same strength.

Cargo handling workers in Haldia Port

1926. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for regulation of employment of the cargo handling workers in Haldia Port who are being engaged by the users of the Port; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):

(a) A representation has been received by the Calcutta Port Trust requesting for permanency of casual cargo handling workers at Haldia on completion of 240 days' casual service.

(b) Calcutta Port Trust is examining the representation.

Goods Traffic

1927. SHRI CHANDRABHAN ATHARE PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp fall in the goods traffic moved by rail during 1979 and there was a consequential decline in the earning of revenue on this account;

(b) what has been the total tonnage lifted by the railways during the last three years and what has been the revenue earned each year; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to increase the goods traffic by rail?

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

(a) Although there was a fall in goods traffic during calendar year 1979 as compared to the corresponding period of last year, yet there was no decline in the goods earnings as compared to the last year.