

**(c) Parcel Handling Contract at Mirzapur****(i) Increase/Decrease in Traffic**

Period	Total number of packages handled
April '78 to March '79	18,474
April '79 to March '80	17,988
Jan. '81 to Dec. '81	22,357
Jan. '82 to Dec. '82	22,515
Percentage increase in 1981-82 over 1979-80	25%

It was assessed by the Tender Committee that the traffic would decline in future by 10%.

**(ii) Increase/Decrease in Labour Requirement**

Labour output at Mirzapur was compared with that at Kanpur. While at Mirzapur, it was 24 packages per labour per day, it was 75 at Kanpur. On this basis, the Committee assessed higher output at Mirzapur with 30% decrease in labour requirement.

**Medicines lying in open at Nirman Bhawan**

4711. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines worth several thousands of rupees have been lying in the open in front of Nirman Bhawan during Summer and rains as a result of which they are likely to lose their potency and become harmful for consumption ;

(b) whether arrangements are being made to shift these medicines to some safer place ; and

(c) who is responsible for this loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) A Family Welfare Depot is located in Nirman Bhawan, where supplies of contraceptives and MCH supplies etc. are received from the supplying firms. These are made available to the State Govts. as well as firms involved in social marketing of Nirodh. Normally, the stores are kept in covered godowns, but when large consignments are received in one lot and cannot be accommodated in the godowns, these are stocked outside duly covered with tarpauline to avoid loss of potency.

(b) A proposal for providing covered space for these stores is under consideration.

(c) There has been no loss as all the precautions needed are taken even when stores are kept outside. As such the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.

[Translation]

**Rail line to Maharajganj**

4712. SHRI JITENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharajganj Parliamentary constituency in Gorakhpur district in Uttar Pradesh, which is situated on Nepal border, is not less than 30 K.M. away from any railway line ;

(b) whether there is any scheme to construct a rail line near this area ; and

(c) if not, whether Government will pay attention towards it and conduct survey in this area for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

**MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) Maharajganj Town in Gorakhpur district in Uttar Pradesh is connected by road with a number of Railway Stations. The nearest railway station is about 25 kms.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand, survey/construction of new rail line in this area cannot be considered at present.

#### **Construction of Chhapra Railway Station Building**

4713. **SHRI JITENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the building of Chhapra Railway Station on North-Eastern Railway is in dilapidated condition ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to look into the feasibility of construction of the building of this railway station ; and

(c) whether the construction work is likely to be taken up on priority basis ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

#### **Construction of level crossing near Sahatwar Village**

4714. **SHRI JITENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has approved construction of a level crossing near Sahatwar Village adjacent to Sahatwar Railway Station on the North-Eastern Railway ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter and whether the said construction

work will be completed within the stipulated period ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) and (b). On a request from the District Magistrate, Balia, for provision of this level crossing, necessary plans and estimates have been prepared and sent to him in April, 1981 for acceptance and depositing the cost in accordance with the rules. The cost has so far not been deposited by the State Government authorities. Railways will undertake the work immediately on depositing of the cost.

[English]

#### **Overbridge over Central level crossing in Salem**

4715. **SHRI P.R. KUMARMANGALAM :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Salem Municipality or Government of Tamil Nadu for constructing an over-bridge over the Central level crossing in Salem ; and

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

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for Road Over Bridge at Salem is under consideration of the Railway and the State Government. Sanction of the scheme will depend upon State Government accepting their share of cost, according priority to it and also subject to availability of funds.

#### **Branch line from Barhan to Etah**

4716. **SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4924 on 2nd May, 1985 regarding Branch line from Barhan to Etah and state ;