

(b) the reasons for short supply of wagons for carrying coal during last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to acquire more wagons in future with a view to augmenting the transportation of coal to different places ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) :

(a) Number of wagons supplied during the last three years are as under :

Year	Total No. of wagons supplied in Broad Gauge	Average daily wagons leading in Broad Gauge
1974-75	30,59,065	8381
1975-76	33,92,820	9270
1976-77	34,43,410	9434

(b) There has been no short supply of wagons for carrying coal after the May, 1974 strike.

(c) Acquisition of wagons for transport of coal as also other commodities is arranged according to needs of traffic.

### राधनपुर और हारोज के बीच रेल लाइन

4787. श्री चौधरी मोतीभाई आर० :  
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राधनपुर और हारोज के बीच रेल लाइन के निर्माण के कार्य में क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार की यह नीति है कि नई रेल लाइनें अधिकांशतः पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में बिछाई जायें और यदि हां, तो ऐसी नई रेल लाइनों पर निर्माण कार्य के कब तक शुरू होने की सम्भावना है ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दान्दावते) :

(क) और (ख) : देश के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में नई लाइनों के निर्माण की आवश्यकता के संबंध में सरकार को जानकारी है और ऐसी कई लाइनों के निर्माण तथा सर्वेक्षण का काम पहले से ही शुरू किया हुआ है। वर्ष 1969 में राधनपुर-हारोज मीटर लाइन का सर्वेक्षण कराया गया था लेकिन परियोजना का काम इसलिए शुरू नहीं किया गया क्योंकि यह धर्म-क्षम नहीं पायी गयी थी।

### Double line from Vizianagaram to Titilagarh

4788. SHRI GIRIDHAR  
GOMANGO : Will the Minister of  
RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have decided to double the line from Vizianagaram (AP) to Titilagarh (Orissa) to cater to the needs of the area;

(b) if so, when the survey will be completed and finalised for doubling the line; and

(c) what is the outlay kept for the survey in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) :

(a) and (b) : A preliminary Engineering-Traffic survey for doubling of Vizianagaram-Titilagarh line is in progress and is expected to be completed during the current financial year. A decision on the project will be taken after the survey report becomes available.

(c) Rs. 79,000/-.

### Payment to Doctors during Internship and preference in appointment of House Surgeons

4789. SHRI SHEO NARAIN : Will  
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors doing internship for one year in the Central Railway Hospital, New Delhi are not paid any stipend nor even any conveyance or meal allowance ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;