

Baori Station near Jaipur on 17 February, 1986;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has since been conducted;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against persons found responsible; and

(d) whether any compensation has been paid to the persons who were injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Five passengers suffered minor injuries and the rest had only trivial injuries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Assistant Station Master and two Pointsmen, found primarily responsible for the accident, have been placed under suspension. Secondary responsibility has been fixed on the Driver of 233 Up Fast Passenger. Action for imposition of major penalty against them has been initiated.

(d) Ex-gratia payment of Rs. 250/- to each of the five passengers who suffered minor injuries, was made.

**EMU suburban trains on Surat-Bharuch-Baroda Ahmedabad sections**

2691. SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any suggestion has been received from Government of Gujarat that EMU suburban trains should be planned on Surat-Bharuch, Bharuch-Baroda and Baroda-Ahmedabad sections;

(b) whether the matter was discussed with the Railway Convention Committee when it visited Gujarat in 1984; and

(c) if so, the progress in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Sugges-

tions have been received from certain quarters.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Introduction of suburban services in the above sections would not be possible in the near future because a large number of EMU rakes and other heavy inputs will be required.

**Conversion of Bhavnagar-Tarapur rail line to Broad Gauge and rail connections to Magdalla and Hazira Ports (Surat)**

2692. SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has been representing to the Union Government to accept their proposal to convert Bhavnagar-Tarapur railway line to Broad Gauge railway line;

(b) if so, the stand of the Union Government on this proposal;

(c) whether Government have also received a representation from the Gujarat Government to provide rail connections to the ports of Magdalla and Hazira (Surat); and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There is no Direct Railway line existing between Bhavnagar and Tarapur. The question of conversion therefor does not arise. The State Govt. has, however, been demanding construction of a direct BG line between Bhavnagar and Tarapur (150 kms.)

(b) The present resources constraint does not permit consideration of this proposal.

(c) and (d) The State Govt. of Gujarat has requested Railway to consider a proposal to provide rail link to Magdalla port and Hazira port. For connection to Hazira port suggestions is for extension of KRIBCO Siding at Hazira.

For connection to Magdalla the State

Government's proposal is to provide a rail link from Udhna.

#### Central Schools in Sikkim

2693. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Schools in Sikkim;

(b) if so, locations thereof;

(c) whether the schools have their own buildings; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gangtok.

(c) and (d) School's own building is under construction.

#### Renovation of Chandigarh Railway Station

2694. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to renovate Chandigarh Railway Station during Seventh Plan Period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At present there is no plan for renovation of Chandigarh Railway Station.

(b) Does not arise.

#### More D.T.C. Buses on various routes

2695. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of buses of Delhi Transport Corporation running on different routes is not sufficient to cope up with the present traffic; and

(b) if so, the steps to be taken to increase the number of buses on various routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Certain level of inadequacy of services is felt during morning and evening traffic peak period. To meet this situation the D.T.C. has decided to engage 100 private buses under the kilometrage Scheme for deployment in areas where the problem is acute. Steps are also being taken to augment the existing fleet and to rationalise the routing pattern for improving the service level on various routes.

#### National Users Consultative Committees

2696. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for delay in formation of National Users Consultative Committees and Zonal Committees; and

(b) by what time these committees will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees have already been constituted for the term 1-1-86 to 31-3-88. The National Railway Users' Consultative Council is in the process of reconstitution for two years term from 1-7-86 to 30-6-88.

#### I.S.O, Container Depots at Delhi and Ahmedabad

2697. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :