

**High Power Committee on Acquisition
of Aircrafts**

2586. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :
SHRI MANIK REDDY :
SHRI M. RAGHUMA
REDDY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-
TION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up a high power committee recently comprising representatives of the Department of Economic Affairs, Air India, Indian Airlines, Civil Aviation, Finance and State Bank of India to process the modalities of the Financial implications and the acquisition of Aircrafts in a phased manner;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee; and

(c) by what time it is likely to submit its findings to the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI
JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

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

**Railway Line between Kumarghat and
Agartala**

2587. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state :

(a) whether it is a fact that survey
report for establishment of railway line
from Kumarghat to Agartala had been
submitted to the Railway Board long ago;

(b) if so, whether the proposal for
construction of the said line has been
approved by the Planning Commission;
and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The
Survey Report was received in April,
1986,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Planning Commission did not
clear the project due to constraint of re-
sources and heavy commitments already in
hand.

**Direct Train between Dharmanagar
and Guwahati**

2588. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state :

(a) whether Government are aware
that there is no direct train from Dharma-
nagar to Guwahati causing great incon-
venience to the passengers of Tripura;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal
to start a direct train between Dharmanagar
and Guwahati; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c).
Direct service by way of two through
coaches run by 11/12 Barak Valley Express
and 204/203 Passenger trains is already
available between Guwahati and Dharma-
nagar. Due to scarcity of resources intro-
duction of a new train is not feasible.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Food Packets in Trains

2589. SHRI KALI PRASAD
PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state the Zone-wise particulars
of the organisations which are engaged in
supplying food packets, and the average
number of food packets supplied daily in
each train giving complete details of income
and expenditure in this regard for the
period of any quarter in a year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Casserole
meals are supplied either by departmental
units or by the licensed catering contrac-
tors of the Zonal Railways. The average
daily number of casserole meals sold during
October to December 1986 on the trains