

new buses have been sanctioned for purchase by DTC for 1987-88. This is in addition to 363 buses already inducted during this year.

(c) Against an average 4208 buses held by Corporation in its fleet during the quarter ending December, 1987, 3808 buses (i.e. 90.5% of the fleet) generally remained on road. The balance 9.5% of the fleet remained indoors for scheduled maintenance, docking and other preventive maintenance checks.

Accident Prone Sections of National Highways

1704. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the accident prone sections of various National Highway;

(b) if so, the number of accidents which have taken place on different sections of National Highways passing through Orissa.

(c) the measures taken to curb growing number of accidents on those National Highways ; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :(a) No systematic identification of accident prone sections of National Highways has been done.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Accidents inter-alia occur due to behaviour of the driver, condition of the vehicle and features of the road. The measures to curb accidents on National Highways include improvement of road features, provision of appropriate road signs,

marketings, etc.

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposhi and Nuapara-Gunpur Railway Line (Orissa)

1705. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposhi and Nuapara-Gunpur Railway lines in Orissa is pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken for early completion of the projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). Surveys were conducted for conversion into Broad Gauge of Rupsa - Bangiriposi Narrow Gauge line in 1979 and Naupada-Gunupur Narrow Gauge line in 1946-47. The projects were found to be financially unremunerative. It is difficult to consider taking up of the projects due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand.

Response of State Governments to Mental Care Programmes

1706. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Health Care Programmes especially Mental Care Programmes have suffered a set back due to resource constraint;

b) whether on the recommendations of the Central Council for Health and Family Welfare a training programme for psychiatrist care was started some years back and two centres were identified for the purpose; and .