

their use from the 14th February till the morning of 16th February, 1981. Again, in the evening of 16th February, 1981, 120 buses were made available to the All India Congress Committee and Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee. Since 14th & 15th February, 1981 were holidays, the buses could be hired out without causing inconvenience to the public. Similarly, on the 16th February, 1981, the buses were made available after the peak hours. The buses were hired out on special hire charges @ Rs. 3.50 per Km. with detention charges @ Rs 20 per hour per bus and night charges per bus from 11.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M. @ Rs. 15. The minimum charges per bus per booking are Rs. 80 as per rules of the Corporation.

#### Hubli-Karwar Line

4214: SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to appoint a survey committee to obtain the report of feasibility of construction of Railway line from Hubli to Karwar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to undertake the construction of the said Railway line during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Gandhidham-Lakhpat Line

4215. SHRI DAULATSINH JADEJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a traffic survey was conducted to construct Gandhidham-Lakhpat line via Mudeu-Mandvi.

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(b) when the survey was done.

(c) whether Government have finalised the project, and whether it has been included or construction of this line during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government will consider to include it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey carried out in 1970-71 for the conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj line into broad and gauge and its further extension from Bhuj upto Lakhpat via Maudvi revealed that the project will not be a viable one. However, since considerable time has elapsed, updating of the earlier survey has been included in the budget for 1980-81 at a cost of Rs. 3.00 lakhs. The survey is in progress and a decision will be taken as soon as the survey is completed and the report examined.

#### Proposal for transferring commercial Services of I.W.T. Patna to CIWIC

4216. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is currently under consideration for transferring the commercial services presently operated by the Inland Water Transport, Patna to the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the I.W.T. after the aforesaid transfer will only be doing hydrographic survey with a small nucleus staff; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to absorb the surplus staff of the Inland Water Transport, Patna so as to