

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKAR-  
JUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Presumably the reference is to the collision between 2-CCM Passenger train and a light diesel engine near Agori Khas railway station on Northern Railway on 29-6-82. On that day 2-CCM Passenger train which left Churk station at 01.05 hrs. stopped near the Down Home signal of Agori Khas railway station as the engine became disabled. Relief engine which left Churk station at 02.45 hrs. collided with the rear of the disabled 2-CCM Passenger train at about 03.10 hrs.

In this accident 4 persons were killed and 14 sustained injuries.

(d) The Commissioner of Railway Sa-  
fety, Northern Circle, Lucknow has con-  
ducted an inquiry into this accident and  
his report is awaited.

#### Overcrowding in DTC Buses

2352. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any monitoring has been  
done about the overcrowding in buses on  
different Delhi Transport Corporation bus  
routes;

(b) if so, buses on which routes con-  
tinue to run overcrowded throughout and  
on which during peak hours only;

(c) how many new and additional bus-  
ses were put into operation on each of these  
routes during 1981-82 and 1982-83 so far;  
and

(d) how many more buses are proposed  
to be pressed into service on each of them  
during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRAN-  
SPORT (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): (a)  
Traffic surveys are carried-out periodically  
by the DTC to determine the number of  
vehicles to be deployed and their frequen-  
cy of service on various routes.

(b) On no particular route buses have  
been reported to be running overcrowded  
throughout the day. It has, however, been  
observed that in the peak hours, most of  
the buses run full and even overcrowded;  
but this trend is unidirectional in nature;

(c) 194 buses were added on 118 routes  
during the year 1981-82. Another 36  
buses were added during the first quarter  
of 1982-83. 31 new routes were intro-  
duced during the year 1981-82 and an-  
other 6 in the first quarter of 1982-83.

(d) 290 new buses which the DTC will  
acquire during the current financial year  
shall be utilised on the new routes which  
may be introduced and on stepping-up of  
frequency of service wherever warranted.

#### Conversion of Bongaigaon Gauhati Line

2353. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plea-  
sed to state:

(a) the progress of the work for con-  
version of line into Broad-gauge from  
Bongaigaon to Gauhati made so far;

(b) by what time it is likely to be com-  
pleted; and

(c) what is the cost of the scheme, how  
much expenditure has already been in-  
curred, how much of funds have been  
provided for in the current year's budget  
and how much more has still to be foun-  
ded for completing the work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):  
(a) The overall progress of this project  
achieved upto end of May '82 is about 69  
per cent.

(b) By end of 1983, subject to avail-  
ability of funds.

(c) The present-day cost of the scheme  
is likely to be of the order of Rs. 65 cro-  
res. The expenditure up to the end of

March, 1982 is about Rs. 40 crores. An outlay of Rs. 6 crores has been provided in the budget for 1982-83. About Rs. 19 crores more are required for completing this work.

#### Connecting State Capitals with Rail Links

2354. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the State Capitals and Union Territory headquarters, which are not yet connected with rail links;

(b) the details of the schemes, if any, laid down to connect them with rail links; and

(c) by what time all these capitals and headquarters are likely to be so connected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The names of State capitals and Union Territory Headquarters not yet connected with rail links are given in the attached statement.

(c) There is no proposal to connect the capitals and headquarters of all the States and Union Territories at present. However, where surveys are being carried out, the question of connecting the capitals with rail links will be given due consideration on receipt of the survey reports to financial and technical viability and availability of resources and clearance by the Planning Commission.

#### Statement

S.No.	State	Capital	Remarks.
1.	Jammu and Kashmir.	Srinagar	The extension of the existing BG line between Jammu & Udhampur is already an approved work. The question of extending the line beyond Udhampur to Srinagar will be considered on completion of this project.
2.	Tripura	Agartala	A 34 Km. long line between Dharmanagar and Kumarghat has been taken up for construction, approximately, costing Rs. 30 crores. In addition a survey for a BG line between Kumarghat and Agartala is also being carried out by the N. F. Railway as a deposit work. The question of connecting Agartala with railway link will be considered after completion of the survey, subject to availability of resources and clearance by the Planning Commission.
3.	Mizoram	Aizwal	For bringing the MG line into Mizoram, the construction of about 49 km. Lalabazar-Bhairabi MG rail link has been approved at an approximate cost of Rs. 15 crores. There is no proposal for extending the rail link to Aizwal, at present.
4.	Manipur	Imphal	There is no proposal, nor has any survey been carried out so far.
5.	Nagland	Kohima	There is no proposal, nor has any survey been carried out so far.
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	A survey for a 36 Kms. long Tipling-Itanagar MG rail link is already in progress on the NF railway. The question of taking up construction of this line will be given due consideration on receipt of the report, subject to availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.