- (iii) Stricter vigilance on the health and physical fitness of drivers and running staff.
- (iv) Provision of automatic devices like trackcircuiting and auxiliary warning system, etc. in a phased manner as a back-up measure for safety against human failure.
- (v) Renewed efforts to raise the level of safety consiousness at all tiers.
- (vi) Progessive manning of unmanned level crossings and provision of interlooking, lifting barriers, etc. at levelcrossings.
- (vii) Wide publicity through posters and other media about caution to be exercised by the road users while passing level crossings and against carriage of inflammable material in passenger compartments.

Development of MACT Engineering College of Bhopal As ITI.

5415. SHRIPRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCA-TION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government are considering to develop Maulana Azad College of Technology, Bhopal as new Indian Institute of Technology in near future;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not now, whether it is proposed to be considered during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHELIA KAUL): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Tellicherry-Mysore Rail Line

5416. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct the Tellicherry-Mysore rail line;
- (b) whether the Kerala Government has sent any proposal to this effect; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDH-URY): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Yes Sir.
- (c) In view of the severe constraint of resources there is no proposal to take construction of the suggested line at stage.

देश में प्राइवेट बस सेवाओं का राष्ट्रीयकरण

5417 श्री जयपाल सिंह कइयप : नया मौवहन और परिवहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कपाकरेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार देश में प्राइवेट बस सेवाओं का राष्ट्रीयकरण करने जा रही है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या
- (ग) बसों से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को क्या सुविधाएं प्रदान करनेका सरकार का क्या विचार है : और
- (घ) देश की बस परिवहन नीति में नया परिवर्तन किए जाने का विचार है ?

नौवहन और परिवहन मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री जियाउरहमान अंसारी): (क) जी नहीं। भारत सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

- (ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता।
- (ग) राज्य सड़क उपक्रम अपने-अपने राज्यों में बसों में सफर करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए विभिन्न सुविधाएं प्रदान करते हैं।
 - (घ) प्रश्न नहीं होता।

Yerraguntla-Nandyal Rail Line

5418. SHRI K. OBUL REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) when the railway line in Andhara
 Pradesh between Yerraguntla-Nandyal was sanctioned;
 - (b) when the survey work was taken up;
 - (c) when it will be completed; and
- (d) if there is delay, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDH-URY): (a) to (d) The proposed line from Nandyal to Yerraguntla has not yet been approved for construction. A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for this line was sanctioned in May, 1981. The field work has since been completed, and the Survey report is under preparation and finalisation of the Railway.

Remodelling of Coimbatore and Tiruppur Station (S.R.)

- 5419. SHRI ERA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken to remodel the Coimbatore Junction in Southern Railway as also the marshalling yard in view of the increasing freight and passenger traffic; and
- (b) the steps taken to remodel Tiruppur Station in Southern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDH-URY): (a) The remodelling of Coimbatore Junction is being done in three phases. Under the I phase completed in August, 1983, a new booking office with 10 counters, an enquiry office and an advance reservation office with 12 counters has been provided. The II phase which is in progress includes remodelling of parcel office, cloak room, waiting hall etc. Under Phase III, retiring rooms are proposed to be provided. Work on this will be taken up after the ground floor of the building under Phase II is completed.

The entire yard at Coimbatore Junction, both Coaching and Goods, has been remodelled recently at a cost of Rs.97.27 lakhs.

(b) General face-lifting of the station building at Tiruppur and other improvements like extension of cover over platform, better water and drainage arrangement and improvement to the circulating area have been carried out in 1977. The passenger amenities already provided at this station are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. There is a proposal toprovide 2 retiring rooms.

Jantar Mantar Observatory, New Delhi Overshadowed by Skyscrapers

5420. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: SHRI RAM VILASH PASWAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 18th Century Jantar Mantar Observatory in New Delhi is being threatend to be overshadowed by another skyecraper proposed to be built in its vicinity;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to save its dignity and preserve it for the India and foreign tourists; and
 - (c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE EDUCATION AND MINISTRIES OF SOCIAL WELFARE CULTURE AND (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A proposal for the construction of a multistoreyed complex at Narendra Place (East) near Jantar Mantar on Parliament Street submitted by a private company to the Delhi Urban Art Commission through the New Delhi Municipal Committee is under examination of the Commission. The Archaeological Survey of India has already expressed to the Delhi Urban Art Commission that no high-rise building should be permitted within the restricted zone of Jantar Mantar so that the operation of Yantras is not affected.

(c) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गी पर सुरक्षा-चौिकयां

- 5421. श्री तारिक अनवर : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :
- (क) क्या सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गी पर सुरक्षा चौकियां स्थापित की हैं;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो ये चौकियां किन-किन राष्ट्रीय मार्गी पर और किस-किस स्थान पर तथा कब से स्थापित की गई है;