

(a) the amount of money earmarked for Uri Hydel Project and when is the project envisaged to be completed; and

(b) the amount of money spent so far ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) An investment decision on the Uri project has not been taken so far. The time schedule for completion of the project will be determined when an investment decision is arrived at.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Eradication of Infections Diseases

*781. **SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA :** Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state :

(a) the names of infectious diseases which have been eradicated from the country so far;

(b) the name of infectious diseases which are yet to be eradicated; and

(c) the reasons for inability to completely eradicate the diseases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The only diseases which has so far been eradicated is Smallpox which achieved in 1977.

(b) and (c) The major infectious diseases which are yet to be eradicated and Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Diarrhoeal diseases, Rabies Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Guineaworm Disease and Arthropod borne diseases like Japanese encephalitis and Dengue. Steps have been taken by Government to control and contain these diseases through national control/eradication programmes such as the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, Diarrhoeal diseases control programme, Guinea-worm Eradication Programme and the

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Programme. While eradication continues to be the ultimate objective in these fields, the level of the programme at a given point of time is dependent on several other factors including the availability of resources.

[*English*]

Expansion and Development of Railways in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

*784. **SHRI V. VENKATESH :**

SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH :

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals accepted for expansion and development of railways in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) which of these proposals are proposed to be executed during the year 1985-86;

(c) what is the total length of narrow gauge, metre gauge and broad gauge lines in each of the above States;

(d) the action proposed to be taken to convert the narrow gauge lines in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSILAL) : (a) and (b) A number of New Lines, and Gauge Conversion projects, for expansion and development of Railways are already approved and in progress in these States, the details of which are given in the Railway Budget for 1985-86 under 'Southern Railway' and 'South Central Railway'.

(c) Route Kms. in each State are as follows :

	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Tamil Nadu
	1	2	3
Broad Gauge	3273	656	1006

1	2	3	4
Metre Gauge	1610	2220	2887
Narrow Gauge	37	148	Nil
Total	4920	3024	3893

(d) There is no proposal to convert the Narrow Gauge line in Karnataka, at present.

Electronic Gadgets in DTC Buses and Heavy Vehicles

*786. SHRI V. SHREENIVASA PRASAD :

DR. C.S. VERMA :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken to introduce electronic gadgets in the operation of D. T. C. buses to check rising trend in the rate of road accidents;

(b) whether Government propose to frame rules for compulsory use of such electronic gadgets in all heavy vehicles plying under the national permits as was done earlier by the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka etc;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of electronic gadgets proposed to be introduced :

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) In 1983 the DTC had fitted electronic speed governors in 30 buses operating on city routes as an experimental measure. These speed governors however became in operative in a very short period.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There is as yet no conclusive proof of the efficacy of any of the electronic devices, including speed governors, to reduce or eliminate the occurrence of road accidents.

(d) One other electronic device under consideration apart from the speed governor serving the specific purpose of eliminating or minimizing accidents is the automatic dipper. It claims to reduce accidents during night driving caused by dazzling head-lights of the opposing vehicles blinding the drivers. However the usefulness of this device is yet to be established.

NTPC Suggestions for Solving Transport Problems in Kerala

*788. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Transport Policy Committee had made certain suggestions for solving the transport problems in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) The recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee (1980) are generally related to development of transport in the country as a whole and the report does not discuss the position state-wise, as such. However, the position regarding some of those recommendations where related paragraphs made a reference to places and areas in Kerala State is given below :—