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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 :—