

**Conversion of Ankleshwar—Rajpipla narrow gauge line**

\*889. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) is there any scheme or plan to convert Ankleshwar—Rajpipla narrow gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, details thereof and approximate period for completion of it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). The Gujarat State Government have asked for early conversion of Ankleshwar-Rajpipla N.G. line into B.G., in view of the fact that a final decision regarding the construction of Navagam Dam has been taken. The proposal to survey this N.G. line is under examination.

**Lung diseases due to driving of Buses**

\*893. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that drivers of Roadways in the country have been complaining of having lung diseases due to driving of buses;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to manufacture buses with Engines at the rear; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No complaints have been received by this Ministry about bus drivers getting lung diseases, due to driving of buses.

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(b) and (c). Government has received three proposals for manufacture of buses built on integral design, with either rear-mounted or having under-frame engines. A letter of Intent has been issued in one case. The other two proposals are under consideration in the Ministry of Industry.

**Stoppage of Ahmedabad-Delhi Superfast train at Dahod**

\*897. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Ministry is taking action to start a super fast train between Ahmedabad and Delhi and vice-versa in May 1979; and

(b) whether stoppage at Dahod is provided and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir. A biweekly broad gauge train between Ahmedabad and New Delhi via Vadodara is being introduced from 1-5-79.

(b) Stoppage at Dahod has not been provided. The proposed train is a superfast intercity train providing overnight service for passengers between Ahmedabad and New Delhi. In order to keep the transit time to the minimum, only limited number of halts have been provided.

**Minimum Wages for Forest Labour**

\*900. SHRI RAJE VISHVESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a labour called Forest Labour in India;

(b) whether Government have done anything for this class of labour when