

Doctors and other Divisional Officers rushed to the site of accident for supervising the relief and rescue operations.

(e) It was decided to take the unaffected portion of Grand Trunk Express back to Gwalior because the severe cold, difficult terrain and a long bridge did not permit transhipment of passengers and their baggage into a special train at Agra end of the site. Special buses were procured at Gwalior with the help of local civil authorities. The buses were given diesel/petrol and issued inter-State permits. The special train from Agra was delayed due to an unfortunate error in granting a power block and failure of electric train engine.

(f) and (g) An independent enquiry by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Western Circle, Bombay, has already been held who has since submitted his preliminary report. On receipt of his final report action will be taken against staff held responsible. However, the Assistant Station Master and the Cabinman of Hetampur station and the Guard of the goods train have been arrested by the police.

Railway line from Dindigul via Kumali to Cochin

324. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey for a broad gauge Railway line from Dindigul via Kumali to Cochin; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been no demand for such a line from the State Governments.

Polio deaths in Allahabad

325. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across reports of polio deaths in Allahabad hospitals;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fight this epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Polio vaccination has been included in the Expanded Programme of Immunization. The number of beneficiaries of Polio vaccination has been increasing from year to year. During 1983-84 about 79 lakhs children were immunised. By the end of the Seventh Plan, it is proposed to provide universal immunization coverage against Polio.

Progress made in respect of the Nhava Sheva Port

326. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad details of the progress made in respect of the new major port, Nhava Sheva, including major works already completed or under construction;

(b) what are the names of different foreign companies and countries of their origin who have either been short-listed or given contracts for various items of work at Nhava Sheva including civil works; and

(c) what are the latest estimates of expenditure on major items of work