

(b) Delhi Admn. has intimated that no physical survey has been conducted. However, the vehicles have to obtain a certificate of fitness periodically i.e. half yearly and yearly.

(c) Surprise checks are conducted by the Enforcement Staff of the Directorate of Transport Delhi Administration. During the current year 51 certificates of fitness of such buses were suspended.

(d) and (e) The Enforcement Branch of Directorate of Transport has prosecutor such buses for overcrowding and 36 challans were made during the current year. Special surprise checks along with the Traffic Police were also made.

#### Opening of Munabao-Khokrapar Route

2807. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any railway route from Munabao in India to Khokrapar in Pakistan operating before 1965;

(b) whether it is proposed by the Central Government to revive that route for the transport passengers and goods between the two countries as it is beneficial for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and parts of south India, and

(c) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are pursuing the question of re-opening of the route with Government of Pakistan.

#### Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad metre Gauge

2808. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN :  
SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the date since when the proposal for conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line into broad gauge is under actual consideration; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in clearance by the Planning Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) Delhi Ahmedabad conversion to BG is an approved work, and it was included in the Budget for 1977-78.

(b) Clearance from the Planning Commission has not been received due to severe constraint on resources.

#### बांकरा-रायनगर छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलना

2809. श्री रीत लाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बांकरा (पश्चिम बंगाल) से रायनगर तक बगस्ता मोनामुली छोटी लाइन जो कि पहले बांकरा दामोदर रेलवे के नाम से जानी जाती थी, दक्षिण-पूर्व रेलवे के अन्तर्गत आती है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सोनमुली बंगालियों के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थस्थान है जहां पर उड़ीसा, बिहार और बंगाल में तीर्थयात्री आते हैं और मोनामुली और पानागढ़ तथा बिष्णुपुरी के बीच कोई रेल सम्पर्क नहीं है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार बांकरा से रामगढ़ तक बगस्ता मोनामुली के बीच छोटी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने तथा मोनामुली से पानागढ़ तथा बिष्णुपुरी तक बड़ी लाइन का निर्माण करने का विचार है, और यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?