

Dhaka Day by Day

Wedding-Bells and Otherwise

by Parveen Anam

With the wedding season about to converge on us, all over again, with its endless round of 'biryani', 'kachi' or otherwise, many will be tempted to say a silent prayer, to the Almighty, that may you see this season through, like the countless others, with your patience and your temper intact.

There you are, dressed in all your finery, looking fit to kill, breezing into the wedding when the darling of the society, floats up to you, gives you the conventional peck and coos how utterly glamorous you look. Just as you are about to return the fine compliment, she manages to put in "But is it not the same dress/sari you wore for such and such's wedding two and three quarter year ago?" Phenomenal. Her memory, I mean.

Life has so much more to offer than dressing for weddings and there she is, reeling off on the tips of her dainty fingers the colour of your sari, the number of stones in your 'jarwa' — all that you wore a year ago, or so you feel. You almost ask her the secret, of her excellent memory, convinced it would work wonders for your little boy who has so much trouble memorizing his tables. You stop yourself just in time, somehow manage to keep your mask on and glide gently to the next 'darling', wondering all the while, whatever tempted you to come here in the first place, when you could have been doing something so much more constructive with your time, a commodity which has hit an all time record of the inflation clause, anyway. Is it only you who is always short of it or are there other souls bereft of it too? Perhaps it's those weddings?

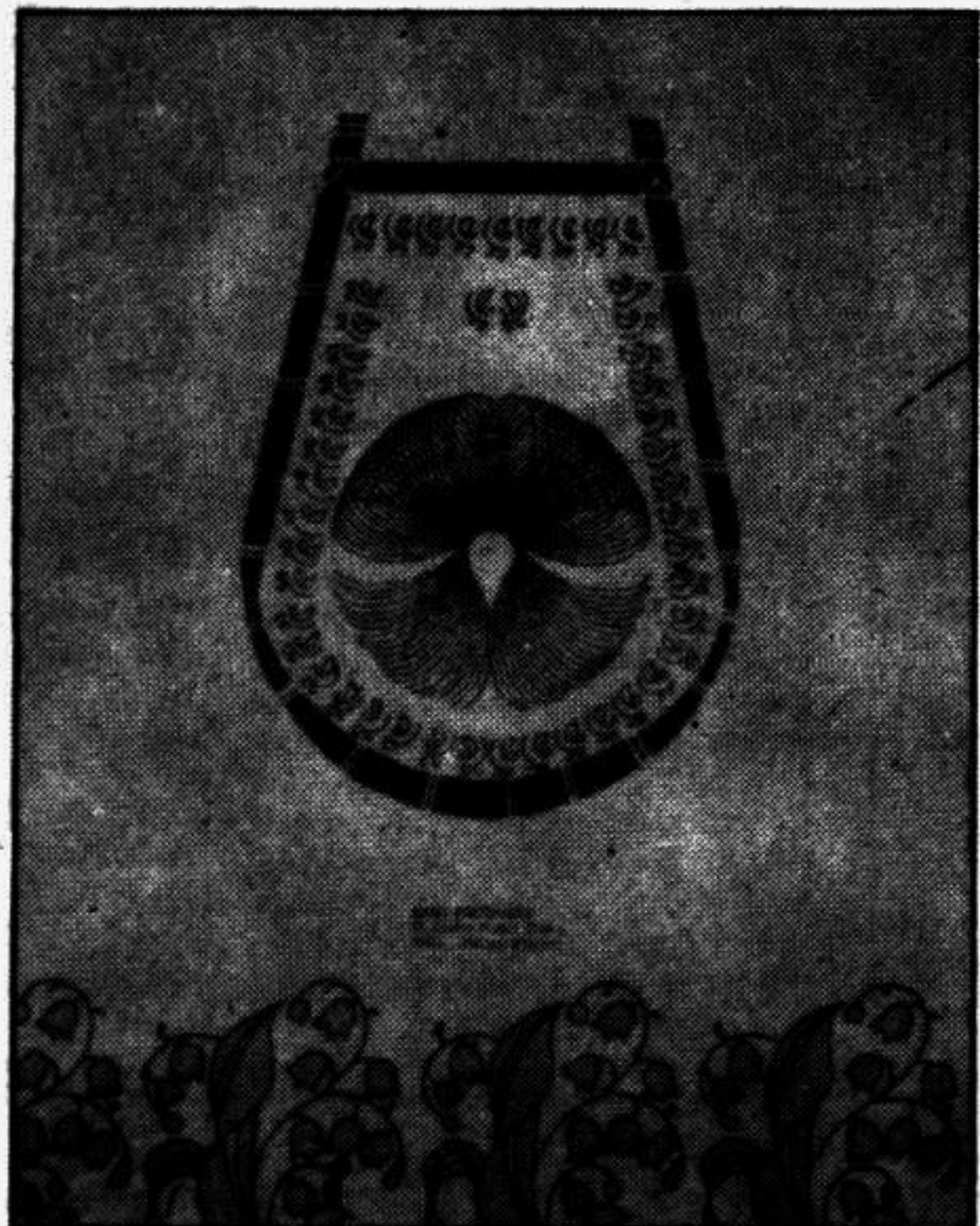
But then how could you not accept when your sweet little hostess has absolutely no faith in the little postman on his squeaky bicycle, doing the thankless, endless rounds, or in the efficiency of the post-office and has taken all the trouble of coming personally to your house, in the pouring rain, to invite you to her daughter's wedding? When you timidly point out the

convenience of the modern postal system to her and how much easier life would be, if she had just mailed the card to you, with the neat little 'R.S.V.P.' at the bottom, her look of absolute horror convinces you your dream of that role in the horror movie is about to materialize. She will have you know, she asserts, that nobody, but nobody (mark the emphasis, it's important!) would ever dream of attending any wedding if the card arrived by mail. There you are. In black and white.

Our claim to joining the ranks of the civilized is so much hot air and if you do not fancy eating tons of 'biryani' by yourself at your daughters' wedding, take note, join the ranks and do not trust the convenient little post-office. If you cannot beat them, join them.

When the wedding ends, the dear 'guests' depart and have barely reached the sanctuary of their cars, when "Ugh, what awful food," "Far too much salt," "The meat was too tough" and other venomous comments liven the air, when a minute ago, or three and half plates full of 'biryani' ago the same guests responsible, for these not-so-kind utterances, were swearing to their harassed hostess that the 'biryani' was the best they had had in a very long while. The veneer of the polished socialite in Dhaka would be the envy of many a knight in shining armour.

And it would be incomplete to forget the gentle hostess, who as she opens the wrapping of your gift, is making a quick but accurate calculation of the cost, expense, origin (Computer, whether art thou?) of the gift you could ill afford (this was the 11th wedding in 17 days, remember) and equally quickly, striking you off, mentally, of the list of her guests, for the nuptial ceremonies of the remaining seven of her brood. It might be a good idea to mention in passing, the magic of the gift, to the other innocent victims, so they too can be spared the agony of a card delivered at the doorstep, in pouring rain, by the proud mother of the blushing bride.



Chhatra League's procession Wednesday demanding terrorism-free campus. —Star photo

UK to help build two bridges

The British government has assured to provide all assistance in the construction of Dhaleshwari-I and Dhaleshwari-II bridges in the Dhaka-Mao road, reports BSS.

British government has also assured to provide 10 thousand feet portable steel bridge to Bangladesh.

The assurances were given to the Minister for Communication Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmad by the British Minister for Overseas Development Agency (ODA) Ms Lynda Chalker when he called on her in London on Tuesday.

The Communication Minister was accompanied by Rezaul Karim, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to UK

and the Economic Minister of Mission.

Ms Chalker also assured to assist in the pre-investment study for the construction of Shangu bridge in Patia-Anwara-Banshkhali road.

She welcomed the recent development in Bangladesh particularly the initiation of democratic process and the economic and fiscal measures taken by the government.

Ahmad thanked the British government for prompt and generous assistance given for the cyclone-hit people.

During the discussions they exchanged views on the recent free and fair election in Bangladesh, the subsequent announcement of liberal industrial export and import policy adopted by the government creating free and congenial atmosphere for investment besides free market and private enterprise system, Col Oli Ahmad welcomed more British investment in the private and public sectors in Bangladesh.

The Communication Minister also highlighted the importance of construction of Jamuna Bridge in the economy of Bangladesh and sought active British participation in this gigantic project.

Later Oli Ahmad met the leaders and workers of BNP in London. They hosted a dinner in honour of the Communication Minister. High Commissioner of Bangladesh to London was present on the occasion.

The Communication Minister returned home Wednesday after attending the 19th world road congress held in Marrakech, Morocco from September 22 to 26. He led the Bangladesh delegation and addressed the congress on the inaugural day.

Planned movement can help overcome crisis of youths

By Staff Correspondent

President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) on Wednesday said that the prevailing crisis of the youth folk would be overcome by organised youths' movement, not by appeasing any political party.

He was addressing as chief guest at the central representatives' conference of Bangladesh Jubo Kallyan Federation at the auditorium of Jatiya Grantha Kendra.

The conference presided over by Sahidur Rahman and was addressed by among others Mokarram Hossain Nayan, Nazmul Islam Syed, M A Khaleque, M A Hasnat, Shahidul Islam Duldul, Pecara Mostafa, Mostafa Khan Miraz, Gazi Rabiul Islam, Syed Shahjahan and Atzul Huq.



Rezauddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) addressing the representatives' conference of Bangladesh Jubo Kallyan Federation as chief guest in city on Wednesday. —Star photo

Weather

Rain with gusty winds likely

By Staff Correspondent

Met office forecast Wednesday that rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty winds may occur at many places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 24 hours commencing Wednesday.

Day temperature would remain nearly unchanged during the period. Met office also said. Little change will be noticed in subsequent two days. Only 4 mm rainfall was recorded at Patuakhali and 1 mm at Chittagong on the day. Met office said.

Temperature and humidity recorded at important cities and towns on Wednesday were:

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree		Celsius Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9 am	6 pm
Dhaka	34.5	27.0	75	72
Chittagong	34.2	27.0	79	86
Khulna	34.5	26.4	82	-
Rajshahi	35.0	25.4	86	86
Bogra	34.4	26.0	77	86
Dinajpur	32.0	25.4	81	74
Barisal	33.4	26.5	86	78
Peni	35.0	26.0	88	73
Sylhet	33.7	25.8	76	67
Chaudanga	36.9	-	-	67
Mymensingh	34.1	24.6	89	78

BCL (S-A) accuses JCD of violence at Dhaka College

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (Pro-Awami League) on Wednesday accused Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of creating violence in the college which vitiated the academic atmosphere.

At a press conference held at the National Press Club, BCL (S-A) leaders also alleged that the some officials of the college management including the Principal were supporting the JCD to gain benefits from the present BNP government.

President of the college unit Abdul Awal Shamim said that former Jatiya Chhatra Samaj activists Sarafat Ali Sapu and his younger brother Newaz were leading 'terrorism' in the campus and in different markets out side the campus.

There are many cases against Sapu who is the Vice-President of the college students union but the police was allegedly guarding him and his gang instead of arresting them.

'Driving Miss Daisy' to be staged Oct 10

Staff Correspondent

Artists Repertory Theatre, an American theatre group will stage dramas 'Driving Miss Daisy' and 'Love Letters' at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium on October 10 and 11 respectively.

The performance has been sponsored by the Academy and the USIS-American Centre. Both the plays will be staged at 6-45 pm.

The Artists Repertory Theatre includes four veteran stage, screen and television performers — Allen Nause, J P Phillips, Joann Johnson and Vana O'Brien. Founded in 1982 and based in Portland, Oregon, the group is a non-profit American repertory company dedicated to production of innovative, high quality, socially conscious theatre for Portland and the surrounding communities.

'Driving Miss Daisy' is Alfred Ury's Pulitzer prize play. It was one of 1987's biggest off-Broadway hits, later moved to Broadway where it had a highly successful run.

Last year, the critically-acclaimed film version received the Academy awards. In the play, Alfred Ury has taken familiar material — the growing friendship between a crotchety, aged Southern lady and her black chauffeur and treated it with affection. The play is embellished throughout with strokes of wit and humour, as the two people come to realise that they have far more in common than they can over publicly admit.

A R Gurney's 'Love Letters' was considered by Time magazine as one of the four best American plays of the 1980s. It has two actors sitting side by side at a table, reading from letters sent between their characters, who met in second grade and who continue writing over a period of 50 years, as the author carries them through the trauma of adulthood, marriage, divorce and middle age.

3 killed in separate road accidents

Three persons were killed and 10 others injured in separate road mishaps in the city Wednesday, reports UNB.

In an accident near Jatrahari crossing a shepherd was knocked down by a speeding truck while he was crossing the road with five of his cows at about 4 am, police sources said.

The unidentified shepherd aged about 17 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital soon after his admission there.

Three cows of the flock died on the spot after being knocked down by the speeding truck while two others were seriously injured.

A case was registered with Demra police in this connection.

A 19-year-old youth was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus near Suhrawardy Hospital at 9 this morning.

His body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for post mortem.

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Steps to solve technical teachers' problems assured

State Minister for Education Principal M Eunus Khan laid emphasis on modernization of technical education for achieving the goal of national development, reports BSS.

The State Minister was speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the newly-elected office bearers of Technical Teachers' Training College (TTTC) unit of Bangladesh Politechnic Teachers' Association at Tejgaon in Dhaka.

Presided over by Shakhawat Hossain Mollah, the function was addressed by Director General of Technical Education Directorate, R Mollick and Principal of TTTC, Rafiqul Haq.

The State Minister said the present democratic government would attach priority to develop and spread of technical and vocational education for creating skilled and productive manpower.

a 10 year old boy, died instantly after being knocked down by a Gazipur bound bus near Mohakhali petrol pump at 9 am.

His body was sent to DMCH for post mortem and a case was lodged with Tejgaon police in this connection.

In another accident, 10 persons were injured when a speeding truck made a head on collision with a jeep in front of the Shishu Park at about 4.30 am.

All the injured passengers of the jeep were rushed to DMCH. Of them, five were released after first aid. None of the injured were however reported serious, hospital sources said.

Attack on BNP leader condemned

Different ward units of city BNP protested against the attack on the President of Kotwali Thana branch of BNP, Mr Mohammad Mohan, by a group of 'mashanis' at Fulbaria in city Wednesday morning, reports BSS.

The President of Ward No 31 unit of BNP M Abdul Majid Babul, President of Ward No 34 unit M Nabilullah Nabi, President of Ward No 33 unit Alhaj Mohammad Siraj, President of Ward No 32 unit M Garibullah, General Secretary of Ward No 34 unit Mohammad Adil and General Secretary of Ward No 32 unit Mohammad Zafarullah, in a joint statement, alleged that the mashanis belonging to Jatiya Party were engaged in different crimes including extortion of tolls in Gulistan-Fulbaria area. They have also a den behind the Gulistan Cinema Hall, the BNP leaders said.



Re-Tender Notice

Sealed Tender in PDB Form No T-1 is hereby invited from the enlisted 'C' & 'D' class contractor of PDB as well as of this office for the work of shifting Salbagar BDR Barrack situated opposite to Power House KHS Kapitai at an estimated cost of Tk 2,06,401/- (Tk Two lac six thousand four hundred and one) only. Details schedule/Tender documents are obtainable after prior permission at a cost of Tk 250/- (Tk Two hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) up to 12-11-91 in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft to be drawn in favour of the Asst. Director, Accounts, RAO, Kapitai from the office of the (1) Chief Engineer, Distribution, Southern Zone, PDB, Chittagong, (2) Manager, Sonali Bank, Kapitai, (3) The Dy Manager-1, KHS, Kapitai and (4) The office of the undersigned. The tender will be received in the respective offices except Sonali Bank, Kapitai up to 12.00 Noon of 13-11-91 and will be opened at 12.30 PM on the same day in presence of the bidder (if any present).

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What's on today....

Lions Club seminar

The Dhaka-based Lions Clubs will hold a seminar on "Self consciousness and social development" today (Thursday) at 4 pm at Sheraton Hotel in the city.

Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development Maj Gen (Retd) M Majidul Haq will attend the inaugural session as chief guest.

Dhaka University teacher Prof Enayuddin Ahmed, Prof Shamsur Ali and journalist Obaidul Haque will participate in the discussion.

Thirty Dhaka-based Lions Clubs will participate in the seminar organised by the Puli-Club October Service Week Observance Committee.

Rotaract Club installation

The fifth installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Dhanmondi Lake View is going to be held today (Thursday) at 4.30 pm at the Soviet Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi in the city.

All the rotaractors of the RI Dist 3280 have been requested to attend the function on time.

Sramik Party press confce

Jatiya Sramik Party has convened a press conference today (Thursday) at 5 pm at the Cicily Chinese Restaurant in the city to announce its action programme to press its various demands.

Lions Club of Progoti

The 7th weekly meeting of the Lions Club of Dhaka Progoti will be held today (Thursday) at 4.30 pm at the hotel Sonargon.

Ln. Gautam Saha, President of the club has requested all members of the club to attend the meeting. Prof Monoar Hossain will be the guest speaker. He will speak on 'heart disease'.

Rotary Club of Uttara

The 23th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Uttara will be held today (Thursday) at 5.15 pm at 'Clinging Restaurant' at Uttara in the city.

....and tomorrow

Ithash Samity seminar

Bangladesh Ithash Samity (Ithash Association) will hold a seminar entitled 'Bangladesh's war of liberation: different aspects' tomorrow (Friday) from 10 am to 5 pm at the auditorium of the National Museum in the city.

Education Minister Barrister Janiruddin Sircar and Deputy Leader in the Parliament Prof Badruddin Choudhury will attend the seminar as chief and special guest respectively.

Prof AKM Mohsin of the Dhaka University, Dr Ahmed Kamal, Dr Mahmudul Haq and Fahimul Quadir will present research papers.

Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Talukder Moniruzzaman, Prof MM Islam, Prof Muniafar Mamun, Dr Nazrul Islam and Abul Quasem Fazul Haq will participate in the discussion on the papers.

Lions Club workshop

Lions District 315B, Bangladesh, will organise a workshop on 'membership development' tomorrow (Friday) at 4 pm at hotel Sonargon in the city.

All lions, lioness and leos of the district have been requested to make it convenient to attend the workshop. District Governor Ln Jalal-u-Ahmed will preside over the meeting while Ln Adv Tahmidur Rahman, Chairman, Multiple Council will be the key-note speaker on the occasion.

Anti-drug rally

The Dhaka-based Lions Clubs will bring out an 'anti-drug rally' from the Shishu park premises to the National Press Club tomorrow (Friday) at 6.30 in the morning.

The rally will follow a 'blood donation competition' at the Press Club auditorium at 6.30 am.

Minister for Home Affairs Abdul Matin Choudhury will grace both the occasions as chief guest.

Huge date-expired baby food seized

A special squad of police Wednesday seized a sizeable quantity of date-expired baby food worth about Tk 10 lakh from a godown in the city, reports UNB.

Police also arrested Sheikh Nurul Hossain, proprietor of the godown owned by Parvez and Company at 27/A Asad Avenue.

The date of use of the powdered milk expired on June 28, 1991 but the company has been marketing it after replacing the seal with fresh date.

The milk powder, a product of American Bristol Myers Squibb company, is being prescribed by doctors for babies with intestinal diseases.

A case has been filed in this connection.

ADB official, Sircar discuss Open Varsity

A delegation of Asian Development Bank (ADB) led by its Senior Education Specialist Dr Motilal Sharma had a meeting with Education Minister Janiruddin Sircar at the latter's office in the city Wednesday afternoon, reports BSS.

They discussed issues relating to setting up of an open university in Bangladesh with financial assistance of the bank.

The leader of the delegation apprised the minister of the progress of the open university project and its facilities in details.

Education Secretary A N M Eusuf was present.

Thursday

5.00	Opening Anno-
5.15	ouncement Al Quran
5.30	Programme Summary
5.45	Reading from Ceeta
5.50	Esho Gan Shikhi
6.00	Programme on
	German Unification
	Day: Ambassador's
	speech and a
	documentary
6.30	Jiboner Alo
7.05	Antaranga
8.00	News in Bangla
8.40	Play of the week
10.00	News in English
10.30	Mini series: Tender is
	the Night
11.30	Khabor/ The News
11.40	Friday's programme
	summary
11.45	Closing

Office of the Divisional Electrical Engineer
Bangladesh Railway/Chittagong.

Tender Notice

(1) Sealed tenders are invited from the actual electrical contractors having valid ABC class contractor licence from the Electricity Licensing Board and enlisted as 1st Class contractors with the Department of PDB, PWD on MEs for the following works.

Name of Work	Approx. cost.	Earnest money.
(2) At Laksam Rly. Junction Station:- Installation of one Transformer 11/0415KV., 300-KVA and purchase of related electrical materials.	4.80 Lakhs (Four lakhs & Eighty thousand)	2% of the quoted value.
(3) Tender documents will be sold from the office of the Divisional Electrical Engineer, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong (undersigned) on cash payment of Tk. 400/- (four hundred) only (not refundable) between 9-00 hrs. to 12-00 hrs. of all working days up to 28-10-91.		
(4) Tender documents may be obtained on producing of the original certificate mentioned above and original certificate of Municipal Trade Licence, income tax, certificate, Supervisory Licence & Court Affidavit of the Firm.		
(5) The work may be completed within 60 (sixty) days from the date of placement of order.		
(6) Tender documents are to be dropped in the tender box set apart in the office of the undersigned at 11-00 hrs. on 29-10-91 and the same will be opened on the same date at 11-30 hrs. in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if available).		
(7) Railway Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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