

Sub-way for Trisoolam Metro-Railway Station at Chennai

2609. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal to build a sub-way connecting the Trisoolam Metro-Railway Station and the Chennai Airport is under consideration;
- (b) the impediments in executing the proposal; if not, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the agencies co-ordinating with the Railways in this scheme; and
- (d) what is the total amount allocated for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no firm proposal as yet. National Highway Authority (Ministry of Surface Transport) and Airport Authority of India have to sponsor/approve the proposal and coordinate with the Railway in this scheme.

- (b) Does not arise at this stage.

MRTS in Chennai

2610. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to extend the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Chennai, beyond Velacheri railway station;
- (b) if so, upto which place it is likely to be extended;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to connect the MRTS line with the Railway stations at Chennai, connecting the train to other cities or towns; and
- (d) by when the entire MRTS scheme in Chennai would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for extension of Chennai MRTS beyond Velacheri upto St. Thomas Mount.

- (c) MRTS line is already connected to the other railway system at Chennai Beach. There is no proposal to provide any additional connection.