

**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 co-ordinate 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.