

Planning, Improvement in Health standards and also those projects which integrate the present activities of voluntary organisation! with Family Welfare and recommend those found feasible to Government for release of grant-in-aid. The grant-in-aid will be limited to Rs. one lakh per project and the project period may be for one year to a maximum of three years.

Circular Train between Guntur-Tenali-Vijaywada

010. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Circular Train between Guntur-Tenali-Vijaywada for the benefit of the people of this area; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced?

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

(b) Does not arise.

I.S.O. Container Depot at Ahmedabad

911. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was initiated about three years ago for opening an ISO container Depot at Ahmedabad to facilitate export-import trade, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Western Railways had selected the site at Thaltej Ahmedabad for the purpose, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation has started land acquisition proceedings

in consultation with Railway authorities; and

(d) if so, what is the latest position of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A preliminary feasibility study was conducted in October, 1980 to examine its justification, the estimate of traffic expected, and suitable sites for its location.

(b) Yes, Sir. The site at Thaltej was considered the most suitable for location of an LCD.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Acquisition of the land suffered a set back as some of the land owners filed a writ in the Gujarat High Court which stayed the land acquisition proceedings.

A/O Chair Car facility in Meter-Gauge Trains

912. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not providing A/C Chair Car facility in meter gauge trains; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this facility in the near future, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At present, there are no Metre Gauge Air-conditioned Chair Cars on the Indian Railways, and there are no proposals to build them. Some Air-Conditioned - 2-tier Sleeper coaches have been introduced on the Metre Gauge on certain important Mail and Express trains.