

- (c) whether any steps have so far been taken to introduce such trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government is considering to prescribe a time schedule for the introduction of high speed trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Railways have decided to undertake prefeasibility study of six corridors, out of which study for Pune-Mumbai-Ahmadabad corridor is in progress. However, any comments regarding technology to be adopted and time schedule for the introduction of High Speed Corridors is not possible at this stage.

#### **Rejuvenation of Mannargudi railway station**

4764. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that rejuvenation of the forbidden railway station in Mannargudi, Tamil Nadu and connecting it with Needamangalam and other nearby stations were previously announced by the Government and the same has not been realized and still remains on paper;
- (b) if so, whether Government will take action for rejuvenation of this forbidden railway station in Mannargudi;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Restoration of Needamanglam-Mannargudi (13.25 km) line has been taken up. This work also includes construction of new station building at Mannargudi. Total anticipated cost of construction of this new line is Rs 78.44 crore.

- (d) Does not arise.

#### **Double stack container facility at Kandla-Bhildi-Jodhpur-Bhatinda section**

4765. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to run double stack container facility on Kandla-Bhildi-Jodhpur-Bhatinda section;
- (b) whether there is any plan prepared by Railways for providing such double stack facility in any other part of the country;
- (c) whether it is technically possible to provide such double stack container arrangement on this route;
- (d) whether CONCOR is running a special container train anywhere in the country connecting ports;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;