

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 56.26 crores, at 1980 price level.

(c) The work of Rapid Transit System for Madras Beach to Luz has recently been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 53.46 crores with a token provision of Rs. 1 crore in 1983-84.

The above project can therefore only be considered for implementation after R. T. S. Project is completed because of the difficult financial position.

#### Main findings of Railway Reforms Committee

445. SHRI HARISHANKAR BHABHRA:

SHRI J. P. MATHUR:

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the main findings of the Railway Reforms Committee and its recommendations as submitted to Government;

(b) the details of its findings and recommendations relating to the under-utilisation of rolling-stock and disposal of obsolete wagons, coaches and engines; and

(c) the programme schedule drawn in the light of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) The main recommendations made by the Railway Reforms Committee in the Part Reports so far submitted by them pertain to Resources for Renewal and Replacement, Safety and Accident Prevention, Transportation, Railway Track, Bridges and Lands, Railway Reserve Fund, Production and Maintenance

of Rolling Stock Fare and Freight Structure, Security, Research & Development, and Personnel.

(b) Part II Report on Transportation recommends running of block-rakes by providing terminal facilities and running inter-city passenger trains to improve utilisation of wagons and coaches. It also contemplates gradual phasing out of four-wheeler conventional wagons in favour of eight-wheeler bogie wagons. It further recommends introduction of EMUs in place of conventional coaches on suburban sections.

(c) Each individual recommendation is being examined in detail and will be implemented in phase after final acceptance by the Government.

#### The rated and target capacity of broad gauge Railway coach in Kilometers

446. SHRI HARISHANKAR BHABHRA:

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rated and target capacity of a broad gauge Railway coach in kilometers, the maximum permissible and target speed and maximum permissible and target hours of running per day as also actual average daily run of a broad gauge coach during (i) 1982-83 and (ii) April, May and June, 1983; and

(b) the rated and target capacity of daily run of roller-bearings broad gauge box wagon and its actual average daily run during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) There is no rated and target capacity for a Railway coach in kilometers. Newly built ICF and all coiled coaches can run upto a maximum speed of 130kms. per hour.