

traffic facility in the Hyderabad metropolitan region;

(b) if so, when the survey report was presented to Government by the South Central Railway; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

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

(b) Survey Report was submitted to Government of Andhra Pradesh in June, 1979.

(c) Of the eight sections recommended by the Survey Team, the works relating to the doubling of track between Hyderabad and Telapur and construction of a new B. G. line between Telapur and Patancheru have since been approved, and the works on these projects are in progress.

The Ministry of Railways has also advised the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to approach the Planning Commission and arrange to get the necessary funds allotted before the Railway could proceed with other works.

Proposal for Sriramsagar Project Stage-II

1013. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for Sriramsagar Project Stage-II was sent by the Andhra Pradesh Government to the Central Government, if so, whether the proposal has been examined by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c).

The Project Report for Sriramsagar Project Stage-II estimated to cost Rs. 202.97 crores and envisaging creation of an irrigation potential of 3.85 lakh hectares (9.52 lakh acres) was received in the Central Water Commission in March, 1980 from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for technical scrutiny and obtaining approval of the Planning Commission.

The Report has been examined in the various Specialised Directorates of the Central Water Commission and comments of the Commission were communicated to the State Government between September, 1980 and January, 1981. Replies to some aspects were received recently between August, 1982 to December, 1982. The replies to the remaining comments are still awaited from the State Government.

Talks of Argentina Delegation with Railway Board

1014. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from Argentina visited India recently and had discussion with the senior officials of the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Four members of a delegation of businessmen and experts from Argentina had discussions with officials of the Railway Board on 10th February, 1983.

(b) The discussions were of a general nature covering joint ventures, consultancy services, etc., with a view to generating interest among entrepreneurs from Argentina to pursue collaboration with India in these fields. Items covered included diesel locomotives, bogies or wagons, track materials and consultancy services.