

(ग) ऐसी कोई योजना विचाराधीन नहीं है। किन्तु यदि राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा ऐसी कोई योजना बनायी जाती है तो उस पर उचित विचार किया जायेगा।

Construction of new railway line between Karur and Dindigul

1038. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a new railway line between Karur and Dindigul on the Southern Railway;

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

(c) whether final decision has been taken regarding the conversion of metre-gauge line into broad-gauge line between Tiruchirapalli and Tuticorin?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary arrangements to take up construction of a new broad-gauge line from Karur to Dindigul, parallel broad-gauge line from Dindigul to Madurai, conversion of metre-gauge line to broad-gauge on Madurai-Maniyachi, and parallel broad-gauge line from Maniyachi to Tuticorin and from Maniyachi to Tirunelveli have been made.

(c) There is no proposal for conversion of the existing metre-gauge line from Tiruchirappalli to Madurai at present.

Suburban railway system around Madras City

1039. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for improving the suburban railway sys-

tem around Madras city during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) the present stage of the scheme of Mass Rapid Transit system for providing transport facilities between Madras Beach Station and Adyar; and

(c) the details of the MRTS scheme and the reasons for the delay in approving the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) On the Broad Gauge in addition to Electrification of Madras-Gummidipundi and Madras-Trivellore BG suburban section including Basin Bridge, Royapuram-Madras Beach section which was completed in 1979, a new suburban Terminal has been constructed in 1981 at Moore Market near Madras Central. EMU Coaches have been provided for running the suburban services.

(b) and (c) A Scheme for a new line from Madras Beach to Luz has been submitted to the Planning Commission for provision of funds, for such schemes are provided by them outside the normal Railway Plan.

Increase in Railway Earnings

1040. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the earnings of the South Eastern Railway for the period from April to October, 1981 as compared to corresponding period in 1980; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been substantial increase in the earnings of the Railway, if so, what are the factors that have contributed to this increase?

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