

Invitation to Queen Elizabeth by Tamil Nadu Government

1070. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN RAZACK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Government has invited Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to attend the Tricentenary celebrations of Fort St. George in Madras; and

(b) whether the invitation was routed through the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No such invitation has gone from the Tamil Nadu Government.

(b) Does not arise.

New railway line from Tanakpur to Bageshwar, U.P.

1071. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating to conduct a survey to introduce a new railway line from Tanakpur to Bageshwar in U.P.;

(b) if so, by when the survey work is likely to started; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No need is felt for a new Railway line from Tanakpur to Bageshwar.

Proposal of Madras Port Trust for procurement of equipments

1072. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) what is the value of re-placement of equipments, floating crafts, vehicles, dredgers for which Government have received proposals from the Madras Port Trust during the years 1979-80 and 1980-81;

(b) what are the details of equipments proposed to be procured both for the purpose of replacements and for additions for making improvement in service;

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange involved; and

(d) what is the mode of procurement of such large number of items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) 1979-80	Rs. 152.28 lakhs.
1980-81	Rs. 45.00 lakhs.

(b) Replacements:

(i) 13 Nos. Mobile Cranes including 3 Nos. Heavy Duty Cranes.

(ii) 38 Nos. Fork Lift Trucks.

Additions:

(i) 2 Nos. Heavy Duty Fork Lift Trucks.

(ii) 20 Nos. Fork Lift Trucks.

(iii) 4 Nos. 10 Tonne Grabbing Cranes.

(iv) 3 Nos. 13 Tonne Jessop Cranes.

(v) 6 Nos. Lorries.

(vi) 6 Nos. Electric Fork Lift Trucks.

(vii) 2 Nos. Tyre-mounted Transfer Cranes.

(viii) 6 Nos. Top Lift Trucks.

(ix) 12 Nos. Tractor Heads for handling containers.

(x) 20 Nos. Trailers for handling containers.

- (xi) 3 Nos. Work Boats.
- (xii) 1 No. Pilot Launch.
- (xiii) 1 No. 200 Ton Water Barge.
- (xiv) 1 No. Launch for CISE.
- (c) Rs .212.00 lakhs.

(d) By inviting tenders on All India basis or Global Tenders.

Proposals made by Madras Port Trust for increasing berth capacity of Jawahar Dock

1073. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposals received from the Madras Port Trust for improvement of container berth capacity by undertaking extension of Jawahar Dock;

(b) whether Government have approved the proposals; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the allocation made in the budget for the year 1980-81 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) (i) Proposals for equipment and civil works for handling container traffic at existing berths of Jawahar Dock at an estimated cost of Rs. 497.00 lakhs.

(ii) Proposal for container terminal in the Bharathi Dock at an estimated cost of Rs. 2260.00 lakhs.

(b) No. (i) above has been sanctioned.

No. (ii) above not yet.

(c) Rs. 291.00 lakhs.

Conversion of Guntur-Macherla and Hyderabad-Mehboob Nagar-Karnool metre-gauge line

1074. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of conversion of Guntur-Macherla and Hyderabad-Mehboob Nagar-Karnool metre gauge-into broad gauge is proposed to be taken up;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Guntur-Macherla conversion forms part of the composite project comprising of Bibinagar-Nadikude new line and Guntur-Macherla conversion to BG. Conversion of Guntur-Macherla section will be taken up after the Bibinagar-Nadikude new line is completed.

Hyderabad is already linked by a BG line with Secunderabad. There is, however, no proposal for conversion of the Secunderabad-Kurnool MG section to BG.

Ship building yards in India

1075. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of ship building yards in this country;

(b) whether the ship building yards in the country undertake complete building of ships which includes manufacturing engines and all necessary accessories or only assembling those parts imported from other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) There are at present four major shipyards in the country building ocean going vessels. These are Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam; Cochin Shipyard, Cochin; Mazagon Dock, Bombay and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Calcutta.