

- (ii) Reduction in free period for imports from 4 days to 3 days.
- (iii) Additional area of about 37500 metres has been acquired outside the docks for removing to it uncleared import cargo from the docks.
- (iv) Direct delivery of goods.
- (v) A special cell has been established by the port to investigate delay in clearance by importers.

#### Military Support to Pakistan

1227. SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the countries other than United States and China that supply military equipment to Pakistan; and

(b) what is the number of countries which have indicated to the Government of India their intention to give military support to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Though China, France and the United States are the major suppliers of military equipment to Pakistan, U.K., F.R.G. and Sweden have also sold military equipment to Pakistan.

#### Electric traction in Kerala

1228. SHRI K. C. SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria followed for introducing the electric traction in the railways;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for introducing electric traction in any section in Kerala and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) Electrification requires large initial investment and is justified economically on sections carrying high densities of traffic which cannot be managed with steam traction and where electric traction is cheaper than dieselisation.

(b) No.

(c) The traffic density on the railway sections falling in the Kerala State, as projected in 1988-89, falls far short of the traffic densities considered essential for electrification as found in a study conducted in 1978. As such, it has been decided not to take up electrification of railway lines in Kerala for the present.

#### Introduction of Committee system in Parliament

1229. DR. RAFIQ ZAFARIA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consult the leaders of various parties in both Houses of Parliament with a view to considering the introduction of Committee system in Parliament on the pattern in the U.S.A and U.S.S.R.;

(b) if not, in what manner Government propose to involve more actively the Members of Parliament in the working of the various Ministries; and

(c) whether Government are aware that even in U.K. there is a move for such a system?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) to (c). No proposal is under consideration of Gov-