

has been sanctioned at a cost of about Rs. 7 crores and the work is in progress. It will take about 2\* years to complete the same.

On the Ernakulam-Trivandrum section, the utilisation of capacity is between 64—73 per cent. There is, therefore, enough capacity to meet the requirements of traffic and doubling of the section is not justified or necessary for the present.

\*10. [Transferred to the 24th November, 1977.]

#### **Screening of Tamil Films in the Tamil Nadu Express**

•11. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Tamil film has so far been screened on the closed circuit T.V. in the Tamil Nadu Express; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce Tamil films for screening in that train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to screen regional language films also in future.

#### **Increase in the Strength of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts**

\*12. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to increase the number of Judges in the Supreme Court and the various High Courts; and

(b) if so, to what extent their number is likely to be increased in each case?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Statement**

It is proposed to introduce a Bill to increase the strength of judges in the Supreme Court by four. The sanctioned strength has been increased recently in the following High Courts with effect from the dates the posts are filled up: —

Name of the High Court	Increased by
1. Allahabad High Court	3 extra posts of Additional Judges
2. Himachal Pradesh High Court	1 extra post of Additional Judge
3. Karnataka High Court	1 extra post of permanent Judge and 1 extra post of Additional Judge
4. Madhya Pradesh High Court	6 extra posts of Additional Judges
5. Patna High Court	3 extra posts of Additional Judges

If proposals regarding any other High Court are received, they will be given full consideration.

#### **Reduction in the prices of oil**

\*13. SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI: SHRI JAGAN NATH BHARDWAJ: SHRI PIARE LALL KUREEL URF PIARE LALL TALIB: SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation made a record profit during 1976-77;

(b) if so, to what extent is this profitability attributable to the upward revision of sale prices; and