

**DOUBLING OF RAILWAY TRACK BETWEEN
MADRAS AND ERODE**

1309. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a major portion of the work in connection with the doubling of the railway track between Madras and Erode on the Southern Railway which was taken up during the Third Five Year Plan period has since been completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of the delay in the completion of the remaining 47 k.m. of track between Tirupathur and Morappur, the entire capital invested in doubling the major parts of the track does not fetch the anticipated income to the Railways;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in completing the work in the remaining portion of the track; and

(d) the time by when the entire track is likely to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) and (d) Of the remaining single line portion of 47 km. doubling of 15 km. between Morappur and Dasampatti has since been sanctioned. The balance 32 km portion will be considered in due course if justified by traffic and financial considerations.

CONVERSION OF MIRAJ-KOLHAPUR LINE

1310. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the progress made so far regarding the conversion of the Miraj-Kolhapur line on the South Central Railway from metre gauge to broad gauge;

(b) whether the work is being carried out in accordance with the time schedule; and

(c) if so, the time by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) to (c) The Miraj-Kolhapur metre gauge section will be converted into broad gauge by the time

the Poona-Miraj line is converted into broad gauge *i.e.* by June, 1970. The conversion work is progressing satisfactorily.

CONVERSION OF POONA-MIRAJ LINE

1311. SHRI G. R. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the conversion of the Poona-Miraj line from metre gauge to broad gauge is not being carried out according to the time schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to complete the work according to the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c) The conversion work is progressing satisfactorily and is targeted to be completed by June, 1970. ,

**RESERVATION OF QUOTA OF RAILWAY
ACCOMMODATION FROM MIRAJ**

1312. SHRI G. R. PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) the quota of reservation in different classes in Mail and Express trains from Miraj junction on South Central Railway for different directions;

(b) whether Government have received any representations from the people and various institutions from Kolhapur, Sangli and Miraj for reservation of quota in first class on the Deccan Express from Miraj on both the directions; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) The following quotas have been allotted to Miraj Junction for reservation of accommodation in Mail/Express trains passing through Miraj Junction:—

(i) 201 *Up Bangalore City—Poona Mail*
First Class . 2 berths.

(ii) 205 *Up Vasco-da-gama—Poona Express*
First Class . 2 berths.

Third Class . 2 berths and 4 seat
in 2-tier sleeper coach.
4 berths in 3 tire sleeper
coach.