

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes

(b) The matter has been carefully examined and it was found that it was not feasible to shift the shunting yard as suggested. Health Minister of Government of Andhra Pradesh has also been advised accordingly.

NEW LINE FROM NANDYAL TO KATPADI

183. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had made a representation to Government of India suggesting the construction of Railway line from Nandyal to Katpadi via Cuddapah, Rayachoty and Piler in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is not included in the Railways' programme of construction during the Third Plan period. The new lines to be taken up in the Fourth Plan are yet to be finalised in conjunction with the Planning Commission.

DOUBLE LINE BETWEEN MADRAS AND BOMBAY

184. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay double line between Madras and Bombay; and

(b) if so, whether this double line will be taken up in the next financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) and (b) Apart from the Bombay-Poona and Madras-Renigunta sections, which have double track already, the Shahabad-Wadi section (10.5 K.M.) is now being doubled. There is no proposal to double the remaining single line sections of Madras-Bombay trunk route during the Third Plan. However, it may be necessary to double some more sections on this route during the Fourth Plan, and as a first step it is proposed to carry out a survey for the doubling of the Poona-Dhond section (76 K.M.) in 1965-66 with a view to undertaking the actual doubling in 1966-67.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF RAYALASEEMA DISTRICTS

185. SHRI Y. A. REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any geological survey of Rayalaseema districts in Andhra Pradesh has been made;

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

(c) if not, whether Government propose to take up the survey in view of the rich mineral wealth in Rayalaseema districts?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Several minerals of economic importance have been located. These include Asbestos, barytes, calcite, clays, iron ores, limestones, ochres, slates, steatite, gold, diamond, corundum, mica, pyrite, serpentine, vermiculite, lead-zinc-copper ores, manganese, magnesite, quartz, felspar and salt efflorescence. Of these asbestos, barytes, calcite, clays iron ores, limestone, ochres, slates and steatite are being exploited.

(c) Does not arise.