1 2	3	4	5
14. Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32.43 Km.)	.5	7	1,
15. Yeshwantpur-Tumkur (64 Km.)	8	-1	35
16. Hubli-Hebsur (17.17 Km.)	40	22	5
17. Hospet-Guntakal (115 Km.)	21	26	30
18. Kankanadi-Panambur (19 Km)	2.	15	IO
19. Calicut-Mangalore (221 Km.)	18.50	4	9

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) and (d) Do not arise.

## Recruitment of ex-servicemen in Railways

- 616. SHRI T. M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to recruit 16,000 exservicemen in railways;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has issued notification for filling-up the vacancies over 1,67,000 employees; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. General Managers have been delegated the powers to place indents with Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs)/Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs) for recruitment. During the last two years, notifications for filling up of approximately 1,41,000 vacancies including 16,747 for ex-servicemen have been notified/published by RRB/RRC.

## Travel concession for sickle cell anaemia patients

- 617. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is demand of sickle cell anaemia patients for railway travel concession like thalassaemia patients as the disease is very similar to it;