

(4) *Flood lighting in the yard.*—The yard not being a marshalling yard, flood lighting is not essential. Adequate lighting facilities already exist in the yard and on the transshipment platform. Goods transshipment work is done during day time.

(5) *Increase in the strength of the licensed porters.*—The matter is under examination.

(6) *Separate waiting room for 1st Class passengers.*—The traffic at the station does not warrant this provision in addition to the existing two Upper Class waiting rooms, one for gents and the other for ladies.

(7) *Extension of Platforms.*—The proposal is under investigation, as this involves major alterations in the yard.

#### ELECTRIFICATION OF MADRAS-ARAKONAM RAILWAY LINE

\*559. SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations were made to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Railways during their recent visit to Madras for the electrification of the Madras-Arakonam railway line; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under investigation.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know, Sir, whether there was a similar investigation before and if so what was the estimate?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: There was a similar investigation. The estimate was somewhere about Rs. 9 crores. Now, the Southern Railway has been asked to re-examine the electrification of this section in detail

and submit proposals, with an estimate of costs.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know what is the traffic density of both passenger as well as goods between Madras and Arakonam and how does it compare with Madras and Villupuram?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The traffic density between Madras and Arakonam, both passenger and goods, is roughly three times the traffic density between Madras and Villupuram.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: If the traffic density between Madras and Arakonam was three times, then why electrification was ordered between Madras and Villupuram first as against Madras and Arakonam?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: It is more than I can say, but it has been accepted by the Planning Commission, though under the memorandum which has been submitted to Parliament in May they have recommended the postponement of the electrification of the Villupuram line also to the Third Five Year Plan.

#### इंडियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के उत्पादों का निर्यात

\*५६०. श्री राम सहाय : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज, बंगलोर से पूरे होने वाली अपनी आवश्यकताओं में डाक और तार विभाग ने गत वर्ष जो कमी की थी उसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ा; और

(ख) इंडियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड के उत्पादों को विदेशों में निर्यात करने की क्या व्यवस्था की गई और उसका क्या परिणाम निकला ?