

near Kaliabhomra has been completed. Span of bridge is 22x125m++2x32.6m. Anticipated cost of project is Rs.1003.04 crores. Rate of Return of the project is (-) 7.43%. Since the Rate of Return is well below the threshold limit of (+) 14%, the project does not qualify for sanction on financial consideration.

Converting Royapuram railway station into a terminal

1672. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken so far by the Ministry to convert the Royapuram (Chennai) railway station into a terminal;
- (b) by when would be work commence; and
- (c) the expected time-line for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Feasibility study to develop Royapuram station as Coaching Terminal has been taken up.

- (b) This work is not sanctioned as feasibility is not established.
- (c) Does not arise.

Representations for guage conversion

1673. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have received representations for guage conversion from various organizations/road users as well as from Government of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the work is likely to start along with probable time-frame for each project?