

Infrastructure for operation of Suburban Trains in twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad is in progress. The projects so identified as a result of Survey will be processed for sanction. The work will commence after the sanction to the detailed estimates of the projects are over. Begumpeth Station is part of the proposed Hyderabad Multimodal Suburban Commuter Transportation system.

(c) It is proposed to operate commuter trains on existing railway routes of Secunderabad-Falaknuma, Hyderabad-Secunderabad-Lingampalli by duly strengthening of existing Railway Infrastructure.

(d) As per the Memorandum of Understanding the requisite fixed infrastructure shall be in position within 12 months, for commencement of the project.

Gauge conversion and new Rail Line in Tamil Nadu

2983. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending gauge conversion and new rail line projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the present status and by when these projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for these projects for the last three years;

(d) whether the funds were fully utilised for these projects;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) what is the ratio of contribution of the Central and the Tamil Nadu Governments for these projects;

(g) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has given their share; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.