DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-TRIVANDRUM LINE

874. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state the details of progress made so far in doubling of Ernakulam-Trivandrum line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE OF RAILWAYS MINISTRY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : On Ernakulam-Itivandrum section of Southern Railway, an alternative BG line has been proposed between construction Ernakulam-Kayankulam. Of this Ernakulam-Alleppey (57 kms.) has already been commissioned on 15-10-1989. Alleppey-Kayankulam (43 kms.) is targetted for opening in 1991-92. When completed, it will provide two single lines between Ernakulam Kayankulam-one via Alleppev and other via Kottayam—the existing route. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon (41 kms.) was approved in the Budget for 1989-90 and the work already taken up. Doubling between Quilon-Trivandrum (65 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1990-91. Completion of doubling on Kayankulam-Quilon-Trivandrum will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

LINKING OF PUTTAPARTHI AIRPORT WITH OTHER AIRPORTS

875. SHRI GANGADHAR SANI-PALLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to link Puttaparthi Airport in Andhra Pradesh with any other airports; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS AT KOTA JUNCTION

876. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to instal computers at Kota juction; and
 - (b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

LPG CONNECTIONS FROM MP's QUOTA

- 877. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VER-MA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether cooking gas connections have not been released to those in respect of whom orders had been issued by the Government from MP's quota during the year 1990-91 against their recommendations;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take action in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) to (d) Some pending cases are being looked into.

[English]

BEED-PARLI VAIJNATH RAILWAY

- 878. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning a new railway line;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government had recommended Beed-Ahmedabad-Parli Vaijnath railway line long back;