

Ambagam on the Kotabalasa—Bailadela Railway line in view of the fact that village is situated on one side and the lands of the villagers are situated on the other side of the line;

(b) whether the State Government has sent a proposal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. The Railways can take action in the matter only after a firm proposal for the desired facility is sponsored by the State Government/local authority, duly consenting to bear the cost thereof, as per rules.

Development of Sabarimala Temple as a National Tourist Centre

1864. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to the Union Government for any project to get financial assistance for development of one of the pilgrim centres at Sabarimala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such project has been received by this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Line from Rameshwaram to Kanyakumari

1865. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a broadgauge railway line con-

necting Rameswaram and Kanyakumari via Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted for this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Vayudoot Service to Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu

1866. DR. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which Ramanathapuram in Tamilnadu is likely to be connected by Vayudoot service; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Due to heavy losses being sustained by it, Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically. The airlinking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present juncture.

Losses Incurred by Government Hotels

1867. SHRI MORESHWAR SAWE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Government hotels have been running in losses for the last few years and are likely to incur heavy losses in the year of 'India Tourism Year' too; and

(b) if so, the details of such hotels and the reasons therefor?