

(b) The quantity of nitrogenous fertilisers asked for and the quantity allotted are given below:

(Figures in metric tons)	
DEMAND	ALLOTMENT
(In terms of N)	(In terms of N)
52,266	37,192

**Electrification of Madras (Egmore)-
Tambaram-Villupuram Section**

872. { Shri Umanath:
Shri Nambiar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage the plan of electrification of Madras (Egmore)-Tambaram-Villupuram Section of the Railway has reached; and

(b) by what date or period Government propose to complete the works?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) A statement is placed below.

STATEMENT

(a) Progress of electrification on Madras (Egmore) Tambaram-Villupuram section is as follows:

- (i) 90 per cent of Civil Engineering works have been completed.
- (ii) Orders for Sub-station and Switching station equipments have been placed.
- (iii) Tenders for AC metre gauge locomotives and Remote Control equipments are under scrutiny.
- (iv) Survey for Overhead equipment has been completed. O.H.E. on 6 Km of track beyond Tambaram and upto Vandalur has been completed and energised for suburban services, on 8-1-1962.

(b) Work on Tambaram-Villupuram is scheduled to be completed by December 1963 and on Madras (Beach) to Tambaram by March 1965.

Bangalore-Salim M.G. Line

873. { Shri Umanath:
Shri Nambiar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the cause for delay in beginning the actual work of construction of the Bangalore-Salem Metre Gauge line and where it stands

(b) when Government propose to begin the construction work; and

(c) when Government propose to complete the construction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The final Location Survey of this 142 mile long metre gauge line sanctioned in December, 1961, is in progress and preliminary arrangements for starting construction on three important bridges are in hand. Actual construction commence after the alignment has been finally located and land acquired. There has been no delay in progressing this construction.

(c) The line is expected to be opened to traffic during 1965.

Rail Link Between Neyveli and Salem

874. { Shri Umanath:
Shri Nambiar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Neyveli and Salem with a broad gauge line; and

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take to link Neyveli and Salem for expeditious clearance of traffic?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) No.

(b) A metre gauge line already exists between Salem and Neyveli. Its