

(a) whether there is any constant demand from the public for providing more sleeping accommodation in Madras-Delhi Janata Express; and

(b) if so, action proposed to be taken?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) There have been requests for provision of more Third Class sleeping accommodation on this train.

(b) It is proposed to provide 2-tier sitting-cum-sleeper coach service on this train as soon as such coaches become available.

#### Construction of Overbridges

**2006. Shri Rajaram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public for construction of overbridges at the following Railway level crossings, viz. (i) Shevapet (Salem), (ii) Morappur (Salem) and (iii) Karuppur (Salem) in Madras State; and

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal for construction of overbridges there?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, Sir—in respect of the level crossings at Shevapet and Karuppur only.

(b) Schemes for over/under-bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings have to be sponsored by the State Governments. Broadly, the Railway constructs the bridge proper; and the sloping approaches are constructed by the State Government. The Government of Madras has not, so far, finalised their schemes for over/under bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings during the Third Plan period. The Southern Railway Administration has, however, provisionally included in their Annual Works Programme for 1962-63, the schemes for two road over-bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings—one at mile F. 218/18-19 west of Salem

Market Station and the other at mile 203/21-22 near Karuppur. These works will be planned for execution as soon as the State Government communicate their final decision indicating the year in which they would be able to provide funds towards their share of the cost of the works, as per extant rules.

#### Medical College at Salem

**2007. Shri Rajaram:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of Medical graduates in Madras State is far below the minimum requirements;

(b) whether it is proposed to establish a new medical college at Salem in the near future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) There is a general dearth of doctors throughout the country including the Madras State but it is comparatively better served in relation to several other States.

(b) & (c). The Government of Madras have intimated to the Government of India that they have no proposal to open any new medical college during the Third Five Year Plan period on account of financial considerations and dearth of qualified teachers.

#### Madras-Delhi Morning Air Service

**2008. Shri Rajaram:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation is going to start a morning Air Service from Madras to Delhi; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are going to connect all the four southern States capitals i.e. Trivandrum, Bangalore and Hyderabad with Madras by new Air Services?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a): No, Sir.

(b) Under the present pattern of Air Services, Trivandrum, Bangalore