

B. G. Railway lines in Kerala

621. Shri P. P. Esthose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the railways in Kerala into broad-gauge lines; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Apparently the Hon'ble Member is referring to the proposal for conversion of the Ernakulam-Trivandrum MG section into BG. Conversion of this section is not an immediate necessity as ample line capacity is available on the Metre Gauge section which can further be augmented if required by provision of minor line capacity works and by dieselisation.

Extension Centre at Muvattupuzha

622. Shri P. P. Esthose: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mass memorandum from the local people of Muvattupuzha relating to the Government of India Extension Centre, Muvattupuzha has been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) A Memorandum from 24 residents of Muvattupuzha was received.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-416/87.]

Fly over from Itarsi station to Bhilakhedi Yard (Central Ry.)

623. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Railway are constructing

a Fly over from Itarsi station to Bhilakhedi yard;

(b) if so, the cost thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to lay a few more pairs of lines on ground from Itarsi station to the said yard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to lay any additional lines from the station to the yard.

(d) The necessity of providing additional lines has not arisen.

Bhilakhedi yard and Itarsi Railway Station

624. Shri Nitiraj Singh Chaudhary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the distance between Bhilakhedi yard and Itarsi Railway Station;

(b) whether the above two places are connected by pucca road and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are no school, hospital and Bazar facilities at Bhilakhedi yard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are no police arrangements for protection at the said yard; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not providing such facilities there?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Bhilakhedi Yard is at a distance of about six kilometres from Itarsi Railway Station.

(b) These places are connected by a pucca road.