(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Platform at Kuzuthurai

990, SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new platform at Kuzuthurai on the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari railway line: and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work of construction of a high level platform at Kulitturai for a length of 193 Metres have been approved. The work will be taken up subject to availability of funds.

[Translation]

TPT Point at Gonda Junction

- 991. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Transhipment point at Gonda Junction has been closed down:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any representation has been received in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether it is proposed to be reopened;

- (e) whether arrangement for loading of goods from metre gauge to broadgauge trains exist on this junction; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) With a view to rationalise the working of transhipment points and eliminate such points where the traffic declined and the operation became uneconomical.
 - (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) to (f). Arrangements for transhipment still exist but there is no justification to reopen this point.

[English]

Frequency of Americantak Express

992. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a great public demand for daily running of Amarkantak Express;
- (b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.