

(b) If so, the cost of the project, the progress so far made and when it is likely to be completed ; and

(c) what are the advantages and disadvantages of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Its cost is Rs. 969 lakhs. Its progress is 14% and its completion will depend on allotment of funds in the coming years.

(c) It will facilitate quick dispersal of passengers and will enable running of more local trains at shorter intervals. No disadvantage is foreseen.

**Construction of Railway over-bridge at
Morena (M.P.)**

4957. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction of railway over-bridge at Morena (M.P.) has been started ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All columns, except for Pier No. 1, have been completed and capping beams cast. The work of Pier No. 1 is held up since the State Government could not handover the land on account of Stay Order from the Court. The matter is being pursued with the State Government.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore Line

4958. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shoranur-Mangalore line of the Southern

Railway has only single track facility and the movement of trains is only at 25 K.M. per hour ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to double line and also to improve the speed of trains ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) Shoranur to Mangalore is a single line section on which trains are running with the maximum permissible speed of 90 to 100 Kms. per hour on Shoranur-Calicut and Calicut-Mangalore sections respectively. Number of line capacity works are in progress on this section to augment its section capacity and further improve average speed of trains. Survey is also in progress for restructuring of track on this section. On completion of this survey, the survey report will be examined for taking up works depending on availability of resources.

**Malaria Cases Reported during the last
12 Months**

4959. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidence of malaria is on the increase ; and

(b) if not, how many malaria cases were reported during the last 12 months and how do they compare with the same period in the earlier 12 months and how many people died of it during these period ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to bring down the incidence of this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Since the implementation of Modified Plan of Operation for malaria with effect from April, 1977, there has been a general declining trend in the incidence of malaria except in certain areas and pockets. However, the latest available data does indicate a marginal increase 1984. A statement giving requisite information regarding malaria cases and deaths due to malaria during the year 1983 and 1984 is enclosed.