

created for Cochin Fishing Harbour as on the date of agreement was 58 and therefore, the Port was required to give employment to 29 evictees.

(b) 28 evictees have already been given appointment in different departments of the Port Trust in Class III and Class IV Categories. The remaining one vacancy which is in Class IV, could not be filled up on account of a Court injunction. The Port Trust have informed that as soon as the stay is vacated, the vacancy will be filled up by appointment of an evictee.

#### Mejia T.P.P. in West Bengal

5839. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a super thermal power station at Mejia in West Bengal has been sanctioned by the Government ; and

(a) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) The proposal of the Damodar Valley Corporation for setting up of 3 × 210 MW Thermal Power Station at Mejia in Bankura District of West Bengal at an estimated cost of about Rs. 566 crores has been cleared by the Public Investment Board in their meeting held on 25th April, 1985.

#### Rail line from Yerraguntla to Kurnool

5840. SHRI D N. REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey of a new rail line from Yerraguntla in Cuddapah District to Kurnool via Proddutur and Naidyal has been completed.

(b) if so, the order of priority in taking up this project;

(c) whether Government are considering to take up this line immediately keeping in view the backward region of Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(d) the length of new rail lines laid in Andhra Pradesh during the Sixth Plan Period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No survey has been carried out or completed for a new line from Yerraguntla to Kurnool. A survey for a new Broad Gauge line from Yerraguntla to Nandyal has been completed. Another survey for conversion of Guntur-Dronachellam Metre Gauge Section to Broad Gauge with a parallel Broad Gauge line from Guntakal to Kurnool Town via Dronachellam is however in progress.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to take up construction of this line, at present.

(d) 251 kms. new rail line has been laid in Andhra Pradesh during the Sixth Plan.

#### Conversion of Madras Beach-Tambaram Section into broad gauge

5841. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that passenger traffic has increased in Madras city;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert the Madras Beach-Tambaram line from metre gauge to broad gauge;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) There has been no increase in passenger traffic in Madras city during the last two years. In fact the traffic has registered a decline.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The level of passenger traffic does not justify conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge.