

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The conversion of Bangalore-Mysore rail line to broad gauge was approved in the year 1979-80.

(b) The present progress is 20%.

Symptoms of Meningitis and Precautionary Measures thereof

3539. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the symptoms of Meningitis disease ; and

(b) the precautionary measures which are to be taken by the common man in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The clinical picture of the disease is characterised by sudden onset of high fever, intense headache, nausea and often vomiting, stiffness of neck, photophobia (dislike of light) and frequently a petechial pink or red macular rash. Occasional fulminating cases exhibit sudden prostration and shock at onset.

(b) The following preventive measures can be taken :

(i) Prevention of over crowding in living quarters, public transport, work places etc

(ii) Proper ventilation² of living and sleeping quarters of those specially exposed to infection because of overcrowding.

(iii) Isolation of patients and avoiding coming in contact with the discharges from the nose or throat of the patient.

(iv) Institution of timely chemoprophylactic and therapeutic measures.

(v) In case of suspected case of meningitis report should be made immediately to local health authorities and medical advice sought.

Survey of Rail Lines in Kerala

3540. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL :

SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail lines under survey in the State of Kerala ;

(b) whether representations have been received for the Cochin-Madurai and Tiruchi-Pattanamthitta-Punaloor rail lines ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The surveys for the following are in progress in the State of Kerala :—

(1) A New Broad Gauge line from Cochin to Bodinavakkanur and its extension by conversion of Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge from Bodinavakkanur to Madurai.

(2) New line from Trivandrum to Chengannur / Kayamkulam via Kottarakara as an alternative to doubling from Chengannur to Trivandrum via Quilon.

(b) Representations have been received for Cochin-Madurai and Tiruvalla (and not Tiruchi)-Pattanamthitta-Punaloor rail lines.

(c) A survey for Cochin-Madurai Section is in progress.

Low Cost School Building Recommended by NCERT

3541. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether low cost school buildings have been recommended by a recent seminar organised by National Council of Educational Research and Training in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) Government's reaction to these recommendations ?