## Conversion of Olavacode-Dindugal line into broad gauge

4360. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by Government now for the conversion of metre-gauge into broad gauge lines; and
- (b) whether Government are considering for conversion of metre gauge line between Olavacode and Dindugal into broad gauge in the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Basically gauge conversion proposals are considered only:

- (1) when it is discovered that the traffic likely to develop in future cannot be handled on the existing system.
- (2) when the magnitude of transhipment involved is such that it is uneconomical or is not feasible at all to handle anticipated volume of traffic.
- (3) when it is needed for providing speedy and uninterrupted means of communication to areas which have potential for growth-
- (b) No, Sir.

## Rail line Mysore-Chamarajanagar

- 4361. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken decision regarding laying of broad gauge rail line from Mysore to Chamarajanagar and extension upto Mettupalyam;
- (b) if so, whether a survey of the route has been completed;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RALIWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The survey is in advanced stage of progress. Decision will be taken only on completion of the survey.

## University of Medical Sciences at Mysore

- 4362. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the action taken to set up University of Medical Sciences at Mysore on the request made by Karnataka State Government as early as 1982;
- (b) whether any funds have been allocated for the purpose;
- (c) if not, whether alternative venue has been chosen for the purpose; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A proposal for the establishment of a Medical University in the State was received from the State Government of Karnataka. After examining the proposal, the State Government was advised to defer the proposal.

The Medical Education Review Committee set up by the Government of India has made recommendations regarding the setting up of Universities of Health Sciences in order to bring about Coordination between various Indian System of Medicine, Nurses, Pharmacists etc. Government are yet to take a final view in the matter.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

## Suspension of break bulk cargo service of Shipping Corporation of India from Calcutta Port

4363. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANS-PORT be pleased to state;