

**New Express Train between Bombay and Vijaywada**

2734. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any representation for introduction of an Express Train between Bombay and Vijaywada to meet the passenger traffic and bulk of consignments;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the likely date by which the train is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The suggestion of introducing a train between Bombay and Vijaywada has been examined and not found feasible due to lack of resources like terminal facilities, line capacity constraints on sections enroute and shortage of coaches and locomotives.

**Electrification of Calcutta-Delhi Railway Track**

2735. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta-Delhi railway track has not yet been fully electrified, if so, the sections still left;

(b) how long will it take to completely electrify this Calcutta-Delhi line and run more modern train services on this busy route;

(c) the present position regarding the electrification of the Calcutta-Bombay and Calcutta-Madras routes and how long will it take to complete the work;

(d) the progress expected to be made in the electrification of the routes referred to above during the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) whether preference will be given to sections with high density of traffic and particularly the overburdened routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) & (b) No, sir. Calcutta-Delhi railway track via Grand Chord has already been electrified. Main line section between Sitarampur-Mughalsarai is yet to be electrified. Electrification of this section has been approved, but due to constraint of resources, this scheme has been deferred to the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d):

Section	Sections already brought under electrification	Sections yet to be electrified
Calcutta-Bombay	Calcutta-Durg from Calcutta end; and Bombay-Bhusawal from Bombay end.	Durg-Nagpur-Bhusawal.
Calcutta-Madras	Calcutta Kharagpur from Calcutta end; and Madras-Vijayawada from Madras end	Kharagpur-Vijayawada.