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(xvi) Provision of over-head electric traction equipment for Private/Assisted siding is an item of Railway Capital even for portion falling within private land in terms of para 2010-E. Such costs may be debited to the Siding owner or DF.

Not accepted.

- (xvii) Expenditure on Surveys is initially charged to Revenue, but when the projects are taken up, these costs are capitalised. Such costs may not be written back from Revenue.
- (xviii) At present spares, beyond certain monetary values in Diesel Sheds, Steasm Sheds and Electric Shedo are capitalised. Since these spares are primarily meant for maintenancs purposes and are actually used for repairs, the same need not be allocated to Capital.

Not accepted.

Share of Tamil Nadu government in MRTS project

7763. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he has received memorandum opposing the proposal to make the Tamil Nadu Government share the Madras Rapid Transit System project;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) by which time the Madras Rapid Transit System is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether it has been suggested that the Railways should set up separate Railway Finance Corporations for each zone so that the projects within their zones could be taken up by the Zonal Railways; and

(e) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Due to resource constraints, the pace of the Project can be accelerated if the State Government comes forward to participate in its funding.
- (c) This would depend upon the availability of funds;
- (d) and (e). Although it has been suggested in the Memorandum that separate Finance Corporations should be set for each Railway zone, the suggestion has not been accepted.

Racket in re-cycling entry tickets at Palam Airport

7764. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;