MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible on account of operational difficulties and resource constraints.

Performance of Container Corporation of India

1978. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARDHANAN: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Container Corporation of India is functioning successfully;

(b) if so, the target set for handling containers per annum in terms of quantum of containers handled during last one year by different depots of the Corporation at major ports; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). During the year 1989-90 a total of 52,405 containers were handled by different depots. The target set for the year 1990-91 is 65,800 containers.

Setting up of a Thermal Plant in Malabar, Kerala

1979. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the location of a Thermal Power Plant proposed to be set up in Malabar, Kerala; (b) whether the Government have received any report of the team appointed for the purpose; and

(c) when the construction work is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) to (c). The Eighth Plan to consider incremental generation capacities is yet to be finalised. The team has not suggested location of a thermal power plant in Malabar, Kerala to yield benefits in the Eighth Plan period either in the state or central sector.

Kudachi-Ralchur Railway Line (SCR)

1980. SHRIS.T. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was conducted for laying a railway line from Kudachi to Raichur on South Central Railway, long back;

(b) if so, the position of the proposed project as on date; and

(c) when it will be taken up for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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Issue of Debentures for Conversion of Lines in Maharashtra

1981. SHRI PUNDLIK HARI DANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh proposal from the