

[English]

Karur-Dindigul-Madurai Railway Line

37. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Karur-Dindigul broad gauge project; and

(b) the amount allocated so far for the Dindigul-Madurai broad gauge project and the target time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Rs. 30.72 crores.

(b) Allocation is made for the project as a whole i.e., Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachchi-Tuticorin/Talaiyuthu (327.94 Km) new broad gauge line project. Approximately Rs. 14 crores have so far been spent on Dindigul-Madurai parallel B.G. line project. Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Phased Decontrol of Drugs

38. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for phased decontrol of all drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of New Railway Line

39. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the

Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed for construction of new railway lines in the country during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was fully achieved; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). In 1988-89, 306 km of new lines were opened against the target of 314 km and in 1989-90, 162 km have already been opened and 79 km of new lines are expected to be opened upto 31.3.1990 against the target of 333 km. Following sections could not be opened:—

1988-89

Chanderiya-Chittaurgarh (8 km): There was no goods traffic beyond Chanderiya and the yard at Chittaurgarh was not ready.

1989-90

(i) *Jamira-Bhairabi (18 km):* Difficulties experienced due to restrictions imposed on road traffic.

(ii) *Talcher-Anqul (18 km):* Due to non-completion of work of raising electrical crossings by the State Government.

(iii) *Chittaurgarh-Nimach (56 km):* The section could not be opened as the yard remodelling in some major yards between Chittaurgarh and Nimach could not be completed.

Tribunal of wage structure and Industrial relations in Indian Airlines and Air India

40. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: