

disability to such an extent that they usually ask to repeat or like to see the face of the speaker or feel difficulty in conducting telephone conversation or in hearing whispsers).

(iii) *Speech Disability* :

In addition to those who cannot speak at all, persons having the following defects were considered disabled :

- (i) Speaking unintelligibly ;
- (ii) Stammering ;
- (iii) Speaking with abnormal voice ; and
- (iv) Other speech defects (nasal voice and articulation defect)

(iv) *Locomotor Disability* :

By locomotor disability was meant an individual's inability to execute distinctive activities associated with moving both himself and objects from place to place. The loss or lack of normal ability of an individual associated with moving both himself and objects from one place to another can occur due to :

- (i) Paralysis of the limb or body ;
- (ii) deformity of the limb ;
- (iii) amputation ;
- (iv) disfunction of joints of the limb ; and
- (v) deformity in the body other than that in the limb (i.e. deformity in spine; deformity in the neck)

The hunch-back and dwarf were also included under locomotor disability.

Railway Line Between Cochin-Alleppey-Coimbatore

174. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of, RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of the construction of rail line between Cochin and Alleppey and Alleppey-Coimbatore ; and

(b) when the work is to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The construction of a rail line from Ernakulam (Cochin) to Alleppey and its extension from Alleppey to Kayamkulam are approved works. Their progress is 42% and 0.1% respectively. There is no line under construction between Alleppey and Coimbatore. Completion of these works will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Rail Line From Mangalore To Bombay

175. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a rail line from Mangalore to Bombay and also the 'Konkan' Railway line ; and

(b) if so, the present position in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The proposal for construction of the West Coast line from Apta on Central Railway to Mangalore on Southern Railway via Roha, Dasgaon, Ratnagiri, Madgaon, Karwar and Udipi has been under consideration.

In view of the long length and considerable cost of this proposed line, it has to be taken up in phases. Construction of the Apta-Roha (61 Kms.) new FG line is an approved work. The Apta-Pen (20 Kms.) section has already been opened to