

(b) whether any assessment has been made in this regard, if so, the findings thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) the action Government propose to take for the maximum utilization of these rakes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) At the end of each journey, passenger rakes require attention for scheduled maintenance, cleaning, watering and any repairs etc. on all the Zonal Railways. Sometimes they also wait because passenger trains have to start from originating points late in the evening at timings convenient to the travelling public.

(c) In a number of cases, different rakes have been integrated to minimise terminal detentions and to ensure better utilisation of the rolling stock.

Third bridge on Krishna river near Vijayawada

6948. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated cost of construction of third bridge on Krishna river near Vijayawada; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in completion on the third bridge and the time by which it would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Rs. 10 57 crores approximately.

(b) Special quality steel required for the manufacture of girders for the Bridge had to be imported. The work is likely to be completed during the year 1988.

Proposal to run H. Nizamuddin-Bangalore express bi-weekly

6949. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to run H. Nizamuddin-Bangalore express bi-weekly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to shortage of coaches and locomotives, the proposal is not practicable at present. However, 927/928, a new biweekly superfast service has been introduced between Bangalore and New Delhi from April, 1987.

Satyamangala-Chamarajanagar railway line

6950. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been conducted for construction of Satyamangala-Chamarajanagar railway line;

(b) if so, by which time it is going to be completed;

(c) the estimated cost of construction; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Survey for New B.G. Line between Chamarajanagar, Satyamangalam and Coimbatore was completed in 1986. Length of this alignment via Satyamangalam is