

Doubling of Madras-Mangalore Route

1311. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to double the Madras-Mangalore railway line in the near future;

(b) the quantum of funds spent on maintenance of this line during 1988;

(c) whether any representations have been received for developing/doubling this line; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Section from Madras to Shoranur is already doubled. There is no proposal at present, to double the Shoranur- Mangalore section.

(b) Rs. 10.44 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Kerala, who had requested for the doubling of Mangalore-Shoranur section, were advised that the traffic density on this section did not merit doubling at present. However, some line capacity works to increase the traffic carrying capacity of the section have been sanctioned and are in progress.

Invisible Trade

1312. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world wide trade on invisibles is expanding very fast;

(b) if so, whether the proportion of work-

ing population in tradeable services in India is growing in relation to the working population in manufacturing;

(c) if so, whether India's share of world trade on invisibles is considered satisfactory; and

(d) if not, whether it is proposed to set up an "Invisible Export Promotion Council" on the pattern of a similar council in the U.K. as well as details of incentives proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In the organised sector the proportion of workers in the services sector to total workers is increasing.

(c) No Sir.

(d) No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Newsitem Captioned "Virodh Ke Karan Ayekar Afsar Chhape Chhod Kar Bhage"

1313. SHRI S.D. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing on page 3 of Dainik "Jansatta" dated 16 December, 1988 under the caption "Virodh Ke Karan Ayekar Afsar Chhape Chhod Kar Bhage" and if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the wholesale traders of Delhi observed a one day Bandh in resentment against the atti-