

(e) A decision will be taken in due course, keeping in view the feasibility of the scheme and all other relevant factors.

Kakinada unconnected with Howrah-Madras Main line

3295. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) how is it that Kakinada a thickly populated area with complete rural background has so far been left unconnected directly with the important main railway line of Howrah-Madras;

(b) whether the imperative need to connect Kakinada directly with the main railway line has been realised; and

(c) if so, whether any concrete proposal with regard to set up of a direct railway link have so far been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c). Survey carried out for connecting Kakinada with the main line revealed that the project will not be viable. In view of the difficult resources position, it will not be possible to take up this proposal at present.

Proposal to connect Hyderabad with trains bound for Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala

3296. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have realised the national significance of directly connecting the Gateway of South, namely Hyderabad, with all the trains bound for Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the practicable proposals worked out so far on this nationally significant issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). Following services adequately serve the passengers from Hyderabad towards Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala:

Towards Tamil Nadu.

1. 53/54 Madras-Hyderabad Express.

2. Three through coaches (One 1st-cum-IInd, one Second and one Second Luggage-cum-Brake Van) running daily between Hyderabad and Madras by 51/22 and 21/52 Expresses.

Towards Karnataka.

1. 97/98 (99/100 Link Express) Tirupati East/Bangalore-Secunderabad Venkatadri Express

2. 85/86 Secunderabad-Bangalore City Express.

Towards Kerala.

One IInd class 3-tier partial sleeper coach running daily between Cochin and Hyderabad by 53/54 Madras-Hyderabad Express and connected trains.

Rise in selling price of Turpentine produced by Government Unit

3297. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government unit processing turpentine have jacked up the selling rates by about 70 per cent; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) M/s. Indian Turpentine & Rosin Co. Ltd., Bareilly, a U.P. State Government Undertaking borne on the list of