

length has been taken in hand first and approximately 80 per cent. of the land acquisition, 60 per cent. earth-work in formation and 30 per cent. bridge work has already been completed in this section. On the other sections, land acquisition is still in progress.

(b) Thirty Seven.

(c) Rs. 20 lakhs approximately.

(d) Rs. 50-60 lakhs approximately.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know whether the remaining amount will lapse or will be added on to the next year's budget allotment?

Shri Alagesan: The work is a continuing one, and certainly provision will be made for the next year's portion of the work.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know whether the terminus will be in Kottayam or Quilon?

Shri Alagesan: It has been taken in three sections, and the work is proceeding accordingly. Certainly the terminus is Quilon.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether any decision has been taken as to whether the locomotives on this railway will be run by electricity or by the usual means?

Shri Alagesan: That question is under very active consideration

RAILWAY LINES IN ANDHRA

***65. Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what are the new Railway lines proposed to be opened in the Andhra State in the Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No new lines are at present proposed to be opened in the Andhra State during the First Five Year Plan period.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd: May I know whether there is any proposal to link Kurnool with Gooty by a broad-gauge line?

Shri Alagesan: No.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the lines from Vijayawada to Dronachalam will be replaced by broad-gauge lines?

Shri Alagesan: I may say for the information of the hon. Member that the line from Renigunta to Gudur, which is metre-gauge now, is being converted into broad-gauge.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether the Andhra State Government have submitted any list of the new railways that should be included in the Five Year Plan?

Shri Alagesan: Naturally, they will be submitting that list, in the context of the preparation of the next plan.

Shri Raghavaiah: Are Government aware of the fact that the hon. Minister of Railways had promised to the Andhra people, when he came to Madras, that the lines between Pakala and Gudur will be transformed into broad-gauge?

Mr. Speaker: I think the hon. Minister has already replied that question.

Shri Alagesan: In my reply, I said that—

ENGINEERS

***66. Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a pool of Temporary Engineers in Class I for all the Indian Railways?

(b) If so, what is the purpose of forming this Pool?

(c) What is the number of Engineers actually borne on this Pool who are working in the Senior scale and Junior scale separately and how have they been allocated to different Railways?

(d) Is it a fact that these Engineers were recruited on the same scale of pay but at varying initial pay and that in the matter of increment no uniform policy has been observed with the result that a person with lesser service is drawing a much higher pay than one with longer service?