

yard at miles 85 and 87 at Igatpuri on the Central Railway;

(b) whether the land necessary for the purpose has been acquired; and

(c) how long will it take to complete the project?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). Demarcation of the land and joint survey have been completed. Land Plan and Schedules have also been forwarded to the Revenue Authorities for acquisition of the land but it has not yet been handed over to the Railway.

(c) The work will take 2 to 3 years after it is taken in hand.

#### Civil Pilots

**1627. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 302 on the 23rd February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any of the 40 pilots who were unemployed as on the 31st December, 1959 since been absorbed either by the Flying Clubs or the Ministry of Defence; and

(b) if so, their number?

**The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) and (b). According to the information received by the Director General of Civil Aviation 13 pilots have secured employment with flying clubs and other operators since 31st December, 1959.

#### Rolling Stock

**1628. { Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:  
Shri Nagi Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new locomotives, coaches and wagons which have been allocated to the Southern Railway on the broad gauge and metre gauge during the First Five Year Plan and the Second Five Year Plan periods so far; and

(b) the number of such rolling stock which will be put on the rails in Southern Railway during the re-

maining period of the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 17].

#### Ernakulam Olavakott Line

**1629. Shri Easwara Iyer:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a metre gauge line between Ernakulam and Olavakott; and

(b) if so, whether such work is included in the Third Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Trivandrum-Ernakulam Passenger Train

**1630. Shri Easwara Iyer:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about consistent failures of electrical amenities in the Trivandrum-Ernakulam through passenger train; and

(b) if so, the reason for non-rectification of the defects in spite of repeated complaints?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). Some complaints have been received about the failure of lights and fans in Passenger trains on the Trivandrum-Ernakulam section. These complaints have been investigated and it has been found that inefficient working of the lights and fans was mainly due to Coach batteries not getting adequate charge during the run as the average speed on this section is low.

Additional battery charging facilities have been provided at Quilon and Kottayam stations to improve the position immediately. It is also programmed to increase the number of equipped coaches on the rakes operating on this section.