

Protection of Azhiekal Coast in Cannanore District of Kerala from Sea-Erosion

1534. SHRI CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND-POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been proposed to protect the Azhiekal Coast in Cannanore district of Kerala from the menace of sea-erosion;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(c) when the work on the scheme is expected to begin ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b) : A scheme for constructing a sea wall in a length of 550 m in continuation of the existing sea wall of 450 m length, for the protection of Azhiekal coast, has been prepared by the Government of Kerala and administratively sanctioned for a cost of Rs. 11.20 lakhs.

(c) The State Government have reported that the work on the scheme is being started. A provision of Rs. 1 lakh has been made for this scheme in the Annual Plan of 1971-72.

Coastal Railway Linking Ernakulam and Quilon

1535. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand for the construction of coastal Railway Linking Ernakulam and Quilon; and

(b) if so, Government's decision in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) A traffic survey for a new line from Ernakulam to Kayankulam (an existing Railway station near Quilon) via Alleppey is in progress and is likely to be completed by the end of August, 1971. A decision regarding the construction of the line will be taken after its financial viability is established through the traffic survey.

Conversion of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur line into broad gauge and new Railway Track between Dholpur and Gangapur Cities

1536. RAJMATA GAYATRI DEVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have accepted the scheme to convert the Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur metre gauge line into a broad gauge line and to lay a new Railway track between Dholpur and Gangapur cities; and

(b) if so, when this scheme is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of over bridges at Jaipur and Sawai Madhopur Junctions.

1537. RAJMATA GAYATRI DEVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had a plan to start the construction of an over-bridge at Jaipur and Sawai Madhopur Junctions in 1970-71; and

(b) if so, when the work will be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b) : At the request of the Government of Rajasthan, the works for provision of over-bridges at Jaipur and Sawai Madhopur were included in the Western Railway's Works Programme for the year 1969-70 and 1970-71 respectively. However, the works could not be commenced so far as the estimates for the road approaches have not been furnished by the state Government. The Railway would sanction the works after receipt of the estimates for the road approaches from the State Government together with an undertaking to bear their share of the cost in accordance with the extent procedure and execute the work on the bridge proper thereafter.