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

- (b) I. Surveys for new lines carried out recently in Mysore are as below :
 - (i) Tornagullu-Madukulapenta -Final Location Survey.
 - (ii) Chamarajanagar—Satyamangalam -- Coimbatore — Updating of earlier survey.
 - II. Surveys in Progress :
 - (i) Kottur—Harihar (alternatively Yeshwantnagar—Chitradurga)—Engineering and Traffic Surveys.
 - (ii) Rayadrug Chitradurga Traffic Surveys.
 - III. Survey proposed to be taken up in 1971-72:

Hubli—Karwar — Engineering and Traffic Surveys.

Candidates for Lok-Sabha Mid-term Poll

1550. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of candidates who filed their nominations for the Lok-Sabha midterm poll, party-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of candidates who withdrew their names, party-wise and Statewise;

(c) the number of candidates who died or were murdered during their Election campaign; and

(d) whether Government have given some compensation to the victimised families ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH GHAUDHARY): (a) to (d). The information is being collected.

Creation of Irrigation Potential in Fourth Plan

1551. SHRI KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) 'the target fixed for creating additional irrigation potential in the Fourth Plan; (b) whether there is a likelihood of a shortfall in the creation of irrigation potential during the Fourth Plan;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to remove the obstacles.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) 11.8 million acres from major and medium irrigation projects.

(b) to (d). The provision made in the Fourth Plan for major and medium irrigation projects is found to be inadequate in view of the rise in costs of labour and materials as reported by the State Governments. In view of this, there is liklihood of shortfalls in the targets. Proposals have however been made for increasing the outlay in this sector in the State Plans to make up the shortfall.

Transport Facilities for Fruits to Traders in Andhra Pradesh

1552. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaints and representations have been received from the traders in Andhra Pradesh and the State Government regarding the difficulties being experienced in securing adequate transport facility for fruits like Mango and other perishable items like lime ; and

(b) if so, the action taken to remove the difficulties ?

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

(b) To the extent feasible, the luggage van capacity has been augmented *inter-alia* by attaching extra parcel vans to the express trains on Madras-Delhi and Madras howrah routes. Towards Delhi side, 30 extra parcel vans were run and towards Howrah side 279 extra parcel vans were run by express trains during April and May, 1971.

Besides the clearance of additional traffic by extra parcel vans, 76 mango specials were run during May, 1971 to clear the bulk traffic expeditiously.

Extra parcel vans and the special trains would continue to run according to the offering of traffic during the current season.