

sion, in 1965, to study the transport requirements of Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Madras. The preliminary investigations by this Team indicated that a Mass Rapid Transit System (Metropolitan Railway System) would be required for Delhi.

The comprehensive Traffic & Transportation Study for Delhi, entrusted by the Metropolitan Transport Team to the Central Road Research Institute, has been completed. From a consideration of the data available from the Study, the Metropolitan Transport Team is expected to arrive, shortly, at conclusions as regards the 'corridors' along which Metropolitan Rail Lines are required; i.e., whether radial, circular or other alignments. After the Metropolitan Transport team's recommendations are available, the Railways would take up the Techno-economic Feasibility Studies to decide on the most suitable system; overhead or underground—for Metropolitan Rail System for Delhi. Provision of funds has been made in the Railways' Budget for the current year for these Studies.

**Broad-Gauge line between
Salem and Neyveli**

*510. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to introduce a Broad Gauge line between Salem and Neyveli in view of the importance of the Salem Steel Plant; and

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

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

(b) Does not arise.

**Writ Petitions filed in High Courts
by staff of Railway
Electrification**

2109. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a majority of Class III staff of Railway Electrification have filed writ petitions in different High Courts;

(b) whether in most of the cases, the Railway administration have lost the cases and a large expenditure has been incurred by Government in this connection;

(c) if so, the expenditure including salaries of staff concerned; and

(d) whether some Members of Parliament have requested the Railway authorities to settle all these matters through negotiations and if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (d). The information if being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**मध्य रेलवे पर कुछ गाड़ियों का चलाना
बंद करना**

2110. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य रेलवे पर कुछ यात्री रेलगाड़ियों का चलाना बंद कर दिया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?