

(b) Indian Railways plan to introduce trains scheduled to run up to 120 km. per hour in a phased manner on selected B. G. trunk routes. The actual introduction of the high speed trains will, however, depend upon completion of feasibility studies and trials which are pre-requisites.

Tube Railway for Madras

3431. SHRI BHUVARAHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for a circular/tube Railway for the Metropolitan city of Madras has been pending for long ;

(b) if so, when the said survey will be commenced ; and

(c) if not, reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (c) At the instance of the Metropolitan Transport Team of the Planning Commission, the Government of Tamil Nadu had undertaken a Comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Survey for Madras. This survey has been completed recently. The data available from the Survey is currently under consideration by the Metropolitan Transport Team.

The recommendations of the Team regarding the 'Corridors' to be served by the Metropolitan Rail System for Madras are expected to be made available to the Railways shortly. We would, thereafter, take up the necessary studies for the Metropolitan Rail System for Madras. Subject to receipt of the recommendations from the Planning Commission, the studies are scheduled to be taken up during the current financial year. Funds have, accordingly, been provided in the Budget for 1971-72.

Survey regarding sufficiency of staff in Commercial Department

3432. SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2380 on the 11th August, 1970 regarding R. B. Lall Committee's

recommendation regarding increase in Railway Claims Bill and state :

(a) whether the Railways have since completed the survey of staff requirements on the Railways ; and

(b) if so, the outcome of survey separately for each zone ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The survey has been completed on Eastern, North Eastern and South Central Railways.

(b) The survey indicated strengthening of staff on these zonal Railways. The matter is under further examination at the Administration's level.

Overtime Payment due to Shortage of Commercial Clerks in Madurai Division (Southern Railway)

3453. SHRI P. L. BARUPAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of instances where the Commercial Clerks in Madurai Division of Southern Railway were put to work overtime due to shortage of staff for a period of 10 days upto 20 days, a month and above one month, in the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 ;

(b) the amount of overtime allowance paid to the Commercial Clerks in the above Division during the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 ; and

(c) the action taken to reduce the payment of overtime allowance ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The position is as under :

Year	No. of instance of Commercial Clerks drafted to work overtime.		
	Upto 10 days	Upto 20 days	Upto one month and above one month
1968	650	111	Nil
1969	666	133	Nil
1970	707	144	Nil