

(c) The balance of trade between India and USSR during the last three years was as under :

(In Rupees. million)	
	<i>Imports</i>
1968-69	1855·10
1969-70	1713·29
1970-71	1046·81
<i>Exports</i>	<i>Balance of Trade</i>
1483·10	(—) 372·00
1762·41	(+) 49·12
2098·48	(+) 1051·67

**Report of Dr. Manoharan Re. Sea Erosion on Kerala Coast**

308. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any report from Dr. Manoharan who had been specially deputed to make an on-the-spot study of the Sea erosion on the Kerala Coast; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by him ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations made by Dr Manoharan are :

- (i) The anti-sea erosion measures over a length of 80 Kms already implemented should be strengthened on the basis of designs suggested by him.
- (ii) The coastal strips at Munambam, Putanpattom, Cheriya Kadavu, Kannammali, Chellanam, Alleppy, Vadakkal and Punnappra are highly vulnerable and need immediate protection.

(iii) Immediate protection is necessary at Karur and Purakkad which are close to the National Highway.

(iv) Coastal protection works require proper maintenance.

**Conversion of Ernakulam-Quilon-Trivandrum Line into Broad Gauge**

309. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :  
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI :  
SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-  
KAPPAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for conversion of the Ernakulam-Quilon-Trivandrum metre gauge to broad gauge has been completed;

(b) if so, what will be the estimated cost; and

(c) when the work will be taken up and completed ?

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

(b) The conversion is estimated to cost Rs. 13·60 crores (gross).

(c) The proposal is under active consideration and decision regarding this conversion, is expected to be taken shortly.

**Survey for Tirunelveli-Cape Comorin Trivandrum Railway Line**

310. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the survey for Tirunelveli-Cape Comorin-Trivandrum Railway line was completed;

(b) what will be the estimated cost; and

(c) when this will be taken up and completed ?