

(c) and (d). No investigations were carried out in the past except for the portion between Nangal and Una, which forms a part of this link. Traffic Survey for Nangal-Una rail link (19 KMs), which was carried out in 1955-57, revealed that the project was not financially justified. A traffic appreciation was also carried out in 1963 for a rail link between Nangal-Una-Talwara (near Pong Dam) (90 KMs) to assess the financial implications of this link. This appreciation revealed that the cost of construction of this link in the semi-hilly terrain, may be about Rs. 9.5 crores, and the project would not be financially remunerative.

#### Cement Factory in Kangra

258. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Corporation of India has undertaken a survey of the limestone deposits in the Kangra district (H.P.) for setting up a cement factory in that District; and

(b) if so, the result obtained from that survey?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Gold-Lace Factory in Madras State

259. Shri Seshiyam: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered some proposal to construct a gold-lace factory near Kumbakonam in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) No, Sir. The Central Government have not received any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise

#### Over-bridge near Kumbakonam Station

260. Shri Seshiyam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress made so far in the construction of an overbridge near Kumbakonam Railway Station on the Kumbakonam-Nindamangalam Section (Southern Railway)?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the construction of a road overbridge in replacement of the existing level crossing at Kms 315/9-10 near Kumbakonam Station on Mayuram-Thanjavur Section of Southern Railway.

Under the extant policy, the Railways undertake schemes for road over/underbridges in replacement of busy level crossings as soon as they are sponsored by the State Government indicating relevant priority. The particular proposal for a road overbridge at Kumbakonam was tentatively proposed by the Government of Madras during 3rd Plan period, but it was subsequently dropped by the State Government due to paucity of funds.

The State Government have not yet intimated the Railways their proposals for road over/underbridges during 4th Plan period.

#### B. G. Line between Tuticorin and Salem

261. Shri Seshiyam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken for the construction of a broad-gauge railway line between Tuticorin and Salem via Madurai, Dindigul and Karur; and