

Brindavan Express Train

285. Shri S K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation was received from the public requesting Government to arrange for the stopping of Brindavan Express Train at Arkonam Junction on the Madras-Bangalore section and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes

(b) Provision of stoppages of 39/40 Brindavan service between Madras and Bangalore, has, however, not been found justified.

Electrification of Madras-Arkonam Section

286. Shri S K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 530 on the 4th November 1966 and state the stage at which the proposal for the Electrification of the Railway line between Madras Central and Arkonam stands?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): The electrification from Madras to Trivellore for operation of suburban services is being considered in the first instance and the question of extending it to Arkonam will be taken up later. A study of Electrification of this Section with the suburban services being operated by Electrical Multiple Units vis-a-vis running of Diesel Multiple Units is on hand, and the decision on electrification will be based on this study as also on the availability of funds and foreign exchange.

Import Licences

287. Shri M. Sudarmanam: Will the

Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of licences given for import of raw materials since the devaluation; and

(b) the names of important items?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Statistics relating to import of raw materials are not maintained separately. The total value of Actual Users licences issued from 6-6-1966 to 31-1-1967 for raw material, spares and components was of the order of Rs. 925 crores.

(b) Some of the more important items of raw materials licenced are:—

- (1) Non-Ferrous Metals.
- (2) Copra.
- (3) Crude Rubber including Synthetic Rubber.
- (4) Paper Pulp and Newsprint.
- (5) Textile Fibres.
- (6) Animal and Vegetable Oils & Fats.
- (7) Pigments for Paints and Varnishes etc.
- (8) Essential Oils.

Overbridge at Railway Crossing in Patel Nagar, Delhi

288. Shri Bal Raj Madhok: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No 1387 on the 5th August, 1966 and state:

(a) the progress, if any, made towards the construction of an over-bridge over the level crossing in Patel Nagar which links the colonies of Najafgarh Road with the rest of Delhi; and

(b) how long it will take to complete the over-bridge at the above mentioned site?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Most of the technical details have since been settled and a general arrangement plan prepared by the Railway is being