

Bridges in Madras State

2944. **Shri Sivasankaran:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that at several stations in Madras State like Nungambakkam and Melnambakkam there are over-bridges on one side;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct the other side of the over-bridges;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) It is presumed that the Hon'ble member is referring to the Suburban Station in Madras City. If so the answer is in the affirmative.

(b) to (d). At the time of original construction, access to the stations from only one side was adequate. Colonies have since sprung up on both sides and the railway is providing access from the opposite side by extending the over-bridges on a programmed basis in these cases.

At Nungambakkam, the work has been sanctioned and is being taken up. Similar proposals for Meenam-bakkam are under consideration.

New Station between St. Thomas Mount and Meenam-bakkam

2945. **Shri Sivasankaran:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made by the citizens of Pazavanthanal to open a new station in between St. Thomas Mount and Meenam-bakkam; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal for providing a flag station between St. Thomas Mount and Meenam-bakkam stations was examined but not agreed to for want of adequate justification.

Fishing Boats

2946. **Shri Sezhayan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the State-wise figures of—

(i) mechanised fishing boats;

(ii) the annual catch of fish from the sea by mechanised fishing boats; and

(iii) the deep-sea fishing ports now in use?

The Deputy Minister in the Minister of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(i) The number of mechanised fishing boats in various States at the end of 1961 was as follows:—

1. Maharashtra	1,374
2. Kerala	197
3. Mysore	59
4. Orissa	17
5. Andhra Pradesh	37
6. West Bengal	6
7. Madras	90
8. Gujarat	330

Total : 2,110

(ii) Figures of total annual catch by mechanised fishing boats are not available. The average catch by a mechanised boat is about three times that of an ordinary boat.

(iii) The Deep Sea Fishing Ports now in use are as follows:—

1. Veraval	(Gujarat)
2. Bombay	(Maharashtra)
3. Cochin	(Kerala)
4. Tuticorin	(Madras)
5. Visakhapatnam	(Andhra Pradesh)

Level Crossings

2947. **Shri Man Singh P. Patel:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of manned and unmanned level crossings from