

will be carried out by Indian Railway Teams to be deputed for the purpose. The study is expected to be completed shortly. Based on the results of the study, the question of further participation by India in the execution of the project, if and when it is taken up, will be considered by the Ministries concerned.

Manufacture of Printing Machinery

298. DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH :
DR. SUSHILA NAYAR :
SHRI N. T. DAS :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the direction of manufacture of printing machinery in India by public and private sectors;

(b) by what time printing machines will be available; and

(c) whether imports of such machinery is permissible till such time as indigenous machinery not available ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). In the Public Sectors Government have approved the proposal of M/s. Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd, Bangalore for taking up the manufacture of highly sophisticated Printing Machines valued at Rs. 300 lakhs to be achieved by the end of 5th year of production. A Project Report to this effect is under preparation by HMT. A scheme submitted by the State Industrial & Investment Corporation, Maharashtra, a State Government Undertaking for the manufacture of Printing Machinery valued at Rs. 108 lakhs per annum to be achieved by the end of the 4th year of the commencement of production is under active consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes Sir.

Railway line in Kuttippuram-Trichur upto Guruvayoor in Kerala

299. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :
SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :
SHRI P. GOPALAN :
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :
SHRIMATI SUSEELA
GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the people of Kerala for the construction of a Railway line in Kuttippuram-Trichur connecting the famous pilgrim centre of Guruvayoor with the Railway system in India;

(b) whether Government are considering to construct the proposed line; and

(c) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Due to paucity of funds and lack of adequate traffic justification, it is not possible to consider the construction of a line connecting Guruvayoor in the near future.

Setting up of Assembly Plant in Malaysia by H. M. T.

300. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :
SHRI UMA NATH :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited is going to set up an assembly plant in Malaysia on a joint venture basis;