

Bangalore-Miraj Rail Link

8003. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of laying Bangalore-Miraj line in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to expedite the construction of that line; and

(c) if so, the target date set for the completion of construction work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c). A metre gauge rail line already exists between Miraj and Bangalore via Londa, Hubli, Birur and Arsikere. There is no proposal to convert this line into BG at present.

Baliyapattom Bridge (Cannanore)

8004. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study/survey to ascertain the condition of the Baliyapattom (Valappattanam) railway bridge at Cannanore, Kerala;

(b) if so, the reported condition of the bridge;

(c) the allocations made for its repairs; and

(d) the measures initiated to repair/maintain the bridge?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Corrosion of girders due to marine environment and existence of road decking earlier, was reported.

(c) A sum of nearly Rs. 3.74 crore has been allocated.

(d) All the girders have since been replaced and ancillary works are in progress.

Supply of Petroleum Products in Kerala

8005. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Kerala Government or from other State regarding inadequate supply of LPG and other petroleum products; and

(b) the measures Government propose to take to ensure regular and better supply of petroleum products to the State?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are regularly taken to augment supply of petroleum products through enhanced production and imports subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and foreign exchange. The distribution system is also being strengthened in a phased manner, through expansion of the dealership/distributorship network wherever necessary.

Foreign Collaboration for Paint Manufacture

8006. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the paint manufacturing unit which have foreign collaboration and