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(b) The Konkan Railway line is proposed to be commissioned in five years. Completion of gauge conversion projects in Marathwada region would depend upon the avilability of resources in the coming years.

[Translation]

Platforms at Railway Stations on Trunk **Routes**

*582. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is the policy of Government to construct platforms on all the stations on trunk routes;
- (b) if so, the percentage of work done so far in this regard;
- (c) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out to construct platforms on the remaining stations; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Platforms are required to be provided only on those railway stations which deal with passenger traffic.

- (b) All railway stations dealing with passenger traffic have been provided with platforms.
 - (c) and (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Acquisition f Aircraft by Madras based firm for Operating Air Taxi Services

*583. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJES-WARI: SHRI G.S. BASAVRAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Madras-based firm which is planning air taxi services between a number of south Indian centres and Bombay proposes to acquire some Fokker-27 aircraft for operating air taxi services;
- (b) if so, whether Government have examined the proposals for obtaining these aircraft; and