

Deputy Speaker, Sir, as the Hon. Minister is aware, the oldest loco-carriage factory of India had been set up at Ajmer long back and repair of coaches and many other types of work have been started there for the last two or three years. These items of work have been undertaken there with the hope that a coach factory could be established there since it is the oldest loco-carriage factory. The Rajasthan Government have requested several times the setting up of a coach factory in the State. Has the Hon. Minister considered their request and does he propose to open a coach factory in Rajasthan?

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : How is it related to Kerala ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : I will again require a separate notice.

Construction of over-bridge in Trichur

*593. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an over-bridge in Trichur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Trichur Municipal Council had agreed to meet one-third of the expenditure to be incurred for the Trichur railway over-bridge;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in the construction of the over-bridge; and

(d) when the over-bridge is likely to be completed and the total expenditure expected to be incurred on the construction of the over-bridge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railway administration is not aware of it.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The estimated cost of construction

of this bridge is Rs. 170.00 lakhs. As the proposal is under joint consideration of the State Government and the Railway administration, it is not possible to fix any date for its completion.

SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister be pleased to ascertain whether the Trichur Municipal Council has offered to bear one-third of the cost of the railway over-bridge in Trichur. Since I was a Municipal Councillor and also an MLA from Trichur, it is to my knowledge that the Trichur Municipal Council has offered to pay one-third of the amount required for the construction of the over-bridge since it is a rich municipality. And if the municipality offers to bear one-third of the cost, will the Minister be pleased to consider constructing the overbridge immediately?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : The railway administration is not aware if such an offer exists and if so, it would probably be a subject of correspondence between the municipal authorities and the State Government. However, this bridge will be constructed and the Southern Railway at present is finalising the proposal for its inclusion in the 1986-87 programme.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Ram Singh Yadav—your question must be related to the overbridge in Trichur. Otherwise I will not allow.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV : An over-bridge was sanctioned for Alwar on the metre gauge in 1984-85 but you have not started the work. The Minister assured that an overbridge will be constructed in Alwar ..

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : No, no. I will not allow.

Next question.

Rayalseema Express

*596. SHRI D.N. REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the journey time of Rayal-seema Express running between Tirupati and Hyderabad;