

Committee of the Festivals of India which includes representatives of the Sangeet Natak Academy, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, etc. The criteria laid down is : Traditional performing art and the highest creative excellence in our performing arts. Apart from this the group art forms, classical, vocal music, etc. All these are taken into consideration.

SHRI BIPIN PAL DAS : Does the Government consider us below standard ?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI : Certainly not.

SHRIMATI VYJAYANTHIMALA BALI : Sir, the cultural exchange programmes between India and other countries are going on in full swing. Our States have different cultures and different arts but there is no exchange of culture in our own country amidst our own States. It is a tragic thing that many artists from South are not known in North and many from the North are not known in South. The arts have not been intermingled at all. So, there is no cultural exchange in our own country. What is the idea of having festivals outside our country to earn goodwill when we need goodwill of our own people ?

MR. SPEAKER : Make her the in-charge.

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI : This question coming from a talented artist, belonging to the South is very well taken. The Government is already thinking on those lines and I am glad that I will get the full support of the hon. Member.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : There is a good combination between culture and politics.

Doubling of Railway Track in Kerala

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*371. **SHRI K. KUNJAMBU :**

SHRI K. MOHANDAS :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to

double the railway track in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). An Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for doubling of B.G. line between Chengannur-Kayankulam to Trivandrum Central (125 Kms.) has been taken up.

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : I am thankful to the hon. Minister for their having taken up the survey for doubling of BG line between Chengannur-Kayankulam to Trivandrum Central. May I know, when the survey was taken up and when it is likely to be completed ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : The survey was sanctioned in June, 1984 and was taken up soon thereafter. The engineering survey is about 75 per cent complete and the traffic survey will be taken up within the next 3-4 months, and after the full work is completed, by the end of the year, the report should be ready for consideration.

SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Has any time limit been fixed for the completion of the work of doubling of this line and if so, what is the time limit ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Let us first await the survey report.

SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY : Is there any proposal for Chamaraj Nagar Thiruppur-Palani railway line to increase tourism ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : I would require a separate notice for this.

Norms for blood banks

*372. **SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a recent survey by the Indian Council of Medical Research has revealed that only a few of the blood