

Standards Organisation to bring about improvement in the fuel efficiency of diesel locomotives.

Unconventional method of treating patients suffering from heart attack and angina

4366. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an unconventional method of treating patients suffering from acute heart attack and angina has been tried, as reported in the Times of India dated 2 April, 1985; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to popularise the remedy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). A private Hospital in Delhi is conducting a study using a new treatment called "IV-Streptokinase and oral Nifedipine" in acute myocardial infarction. The treatment as a Pilot Study is still in experimental and investigation stage and further evaluation by a controlled randomized study is required, according to the Hospital.

New Coach Factory at Kazipet

4367. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert Committee of Railway Board has surveyed Kazipet in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh to set up a new Coach Factory at Kazipet;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Expert Committee; and

(c) whether it is a fact that State Government of Andhra Pradesh have accepted to provide infrastructure facilities like land, water and electricity to start the new coach factory at Kazipet (South Central Railway) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After consideration of all the aspects, Government have decided to locate the proposed new railway coach Factory in Punjab.

(c) the State Government offered to provide land free of cost to the Railways and also provide water supply and electrical power connections upto the factory site free of cost.

Construction of Chettuvai bridge in Trichur District

4368. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an over bridge is being constructed across the Chettuvai in Trichur District;

(b) if so, the reasons for the slow progress of the work on this bridge whereas the Kodungallur bridge started during the same period is nearing completion; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to speed up the construction of the bridge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes Sir. A High Level bridge is under construction.

(b) and (c). The construction of the two bridges has been assigned to two different contractors. The Kodungallur (Kottappuram) bridge is 15 months ahead of the targetted date of completion on account of the resourcefulness of the contractor of this work.

There is likely to be some delay in the completion of the Chettuvai bridge which is primarily due to non-availability of sophisticated machinery with the contractor which has necessitated a change in the system of construction from precast to cast-in-situ for the superstructure. The State Chief Engineer is closely monitoring the progress of this work at each stage to speed up the construction of this bridge and the matter is being pursued with the State Government for early completion of the work.