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Conversion of Guntur-Hubli M.G. line

3561. SHRI KATURI NARAYANA SWAMY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for converting the Metre Gauge railway line between Guntur and Hubli is being considered ; and

(b) if so, when is the work on the project of conversion likely to be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Survey for conversion between Guntur and Dronachallam with parallel BG line between Dronachallam and Guntakal has been taken up. Guntakal to Hospet is already connected by broad gauge.

There is at present no proposal to take up conversion of the Section beyond Hospet to Hubli.

Proposal for merger of Mogul Line Limited with Shipping Corporation of India

3562. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mogul Line Limited is to be merged with Shipping Corporation of India ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the merger will wipe out the entire equity capital and reserves of the Shipping Corporation ; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No decision has been taken by Government on the proposal of SCI to write-off losses of Mogul Lines Limited.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of museum of manuscript of Ramayana

3563. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up at Ayodhya a museum of manuscripts of Ramayana, which have been translated from time to time in various languages, keeping in view its cultural and archaeological importance, and if so, details thereof ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). "Museum" is a State subject. The Central Government has no plan to set up a museum of manuscripts of Ramayana at Ayodhya.

[*English*]

Calicut bye-pass in Kerala

3564. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to non-sanctioning of funds and non-issue of administrative approval, the work on National Highway bye-pass at Calicut in Kerala is at standstill ; and