

tage of AC 2-tier coaches at present and as and when additional AC 2-tier coaches become available, provision on 15/16 Chetak Express will be considered along with other similar demands.

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Report on Drip Irrigation

814. SHRI T. BALA GOUD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petro-Chemicals Corporation Limited had recently submitted a report to Government on drip irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce such Drip-Irrigation Scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) To popularise drip irrigation, the Ministry of Water Resources is operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which subsidies are available for small and marginal farmers, shared on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the States. The Scheme covers Andhra Pradesh also.

Road Bridge Connecting Rameshwaram Island with Mainland

815. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY
SHRI MANIK REDDY:

SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:
SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the much awaited 2.34 kilometre long road bridge in the gulf of Manner connecting Rameshwaram Island with the mainland has been delayed by another two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government for the early completion of this bridge; and

(d) the progress made and the amount spent so far on the construction of this bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Review meetings are being held regularly where the progress of the work is closely monitored, shortfalls identified and remedial measures taken. Measures such as providing special access from the railway bridge for transportation of materials, augmentation of inputs by the contractor, supply of construction material on priority basis etc. have been adopted for completion of the work.

(d) The physical progress achieved ending June, 1987 is 78.5% and an amount of Rs. 14.14 crores has been spent on the construction of the bridge.

III Treatment by Medical Practitioners in Capital

816. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: