

stituent Divisions were given option either :

- (i) to continue wherever they were working ; or
- (ii) to seek transfer to any other Division or the Headquarters of the new Railway ; or
- (iii) to seek transfer to the residual Central Railway or Southern Railway, as the case may be.

The non-gazetted staff of other Divisions of the Central and Southern Railways as well as of other zonal railways were also at the same time given the option to seek transfer to the South-Central Railway. There was, therefore, no reversal of any decision.

South Central Railway Zone

10008. SHRI MOHAMMED SHERIFF.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amounts allotted, project-wise upto the end of 1968-69 for the setting up of the South Central Railway Zone with Headquarters at Secunderabad ;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred, project-wise, on construction of staff quarters, new administrative building and acquisition of land, and physical progress of each project made so far ; and

(c) the advantages envisaged in coming to the decision of setting up of this new Railway Zone ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. M. POONACHA) :

(Rs. in crores)

(a) Construction of Quarters.	—Rs. 2.52
New Administrative Building and other office accommodation.	—Rs. 1.24
Land acquisition.	—Rs. 0.10
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Total :	Rs. 3.86

(b) Expenditure so far incurred :

Construction of staff quarters.	—Rs. 2.39
New Administrative Building and other office accommodation.	—Rs. 0.78
Land acquisition.	—Rs. 0.07
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Total :	Rs. 3.24

Physical Progress of each Project :

Construction of quarters.	98%
New Administrative Building and other office accommodation.	43%
Land acquisition.	75%

(c) The South Central Railway has been carved out of the erstwhile Central and Southern Railways where the workload was heavy, in the interest of operational administrative efficiency.

Underground water Survey in Srikakulam District

10099. SHRI K. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an underground water survey was conducted recently in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether any report had been submitted to Government ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The survey carried out by the Geological Survey of India has revealed that digging of large diameter open wells and filter point wells in Amudalavala and Salur, moderately yielding borewells in Uddanam and large open wells in Chipurapalli areas is possible.

Steel Furniture

10010. SHRI K. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(e) whether it is a fact that steel required for the manufacture of steel furniture