MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will place on the table the contract entered into by the Secretary of State with the S. I. R. Company?

MR. K. GEORGE: That is not our property.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know how the Travancore section of the Railway is bound by agreement entered into by the Secretary of State and the Travancore Government?

MR. K. GEORGE: There is no formal agreement so far as the Shencottah-Quilon section. The agreement is between the Secretary of State and the Company.

So far as the Government of India and the Government of Travancore are concerned, they have entered into certain terms as regards the division of profits and other matters.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: The answer given is that there is no agreement between the Travancore Government and the South Indian Railway Company.

MR. K. GEORGE: The Travancore Government have settled the terms of working the Railway with the British Government.

Mr. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Represented by?

MR. K. GEORGE: The Secretary of State for India.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what exactly is the *locus standi* of the Secretary of State, in the working of the South Indian Railway Company?

MR. K. GEORGE: The Secretary of State is the proprietor, and the South Indian Railway Company are the working agents.

*Estimate for Trivandrum-Nagercoil Railway line.*

58. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount estimated for the opening of the Trivandrum-Nagercoil Railway line?

MR. K. GEORGE: The estimated cost for the line from Trivandrum to Nagercoil *via* Colachel for a distance of 57·91 miles is Rs. 80,52,303. The cost of the line without the Colachel detour, for a distance of 46 miles up to Kottar, is Rs. 64,00,000.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know whether the Government propose to open this line in the near future?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

*Bridge at Poovar across the Neyyar.*

59. MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that representations have been made regarding the necessity for a bridge at Poovar, across the Neyyar river, both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, for the past so many years?

MR. L. H. JACOB: Yes.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി എന്തെങ്കിലും നടപടി നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB: The estimate is under preparation.

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