

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Coal is transported to South India partly by rail and partly by rail-cum-sea route. The requirements for movement by rail-cum-sea route are being met in full by the Railways. The all rail movement of coal to the South is regulated by quotas for despatches beyond Waltair, Bezwada, Raichur and Dronachellam due to capacity limitations. No separate movement quotas are fixed for movement to Madras State:

Apart from augmenting rolling stock required to step up coal loading in general, the sectional capacities for movement of traffic for destinations beyond Waltair and Bezwada which is the main trunk route for movement from Collieries; to Southern India are being developed so as to accommodate the full movement of coal and other general goods to the South. In addition to the partial doubling of 93.5 miles in the Vijaywada Madras section already completed, further doubling of 84.5 miles in the same section has been sanctioned.

Railway Line from Cochin Harbour to Mavelikkara an Southern Railway

58. Shri Achuthan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new Railway line from Cochin Harbour to Mavelikkara via Alleppey and if so what is the stage at which the matter lies now;

(b) whether any representation has been received for the construction of a new Railway for the construction of a new Railway line to connect Punalur and Mavelikkara on the Southern Railway; and

(c) if so, what action Government are proposing to take?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a). No.

(b). Yes.

(c). The proposal is not included in the railways programme for the Third Five Year Plan.

New Railway Lines for Kerala

59. Shri Achuthan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the new Railway lines recommended by the Government of Kerala for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the new lines included by Government in the Third Five Year Plan in the order of their priority?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 13].

(b) None of the lines, as mentioned in the statement in answer to part (a) of the question, is included in the railways programme of construction of new lines for the Third Five Year Plan.

World Health Day

60. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Department of the Delhi Administration launched an extensive drive to curb the incidence of eye diseases and blindness on the World Health Day;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes launched; and

(c) what progress has been achieved in the matter so far?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). No extensive drive to curb the incidence of eye diseases and blindness has been launched by the Delhi Administration. In connection with the observance of the World Health Day on the 7th April, 1962 the theme of which was "Prevent Blindness", a programme was arranged in collaboration with the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Delhi Medical Association to bring home to