

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) The quantity of kerosene allotted to Rajasthan during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 2, 41,303 tonnes and 2,55, 184 tonnes respectively.

(b) to (d). the kerosene requirements of States and UTs including Rajasthan are assessed by allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocations made in the previous year and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, adhoc releases are also made to meet situations like flood, drought, shortage of LPG etc.

The allocation of kerosene to Rajasthan in accordance with the existing policy is considered adequate to meet the needs of genuine consumers.

In view of the foreign exchange constraints there is no proposal to increase the allocations for Rajasthan over and above the normal growth being allowed to all States/UTs.

[English]

Train Services Between Varkala and Kanyakumari

9927. **SHRI SURESH KODIKKUNNIL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide train service between the two important tourist places Varkala and Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). 1081/1082 Bombay-Kanniyakumari Express is already available between Varkala and kanniyakumari.

Level Crossings and Overbridges in Malabar Region of Kerala

9928. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion between the number of railway level crossings and length of railway line in Malabar region of Kerala as compared to the number of crossings and length of rail track in the Southern districts of Kerala.

(b) the number of overbridges existing in the Malabar area;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to set up overbridges in the Malabar area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) There are 185 level crossings over a length of 468 Km. in the Malabar Region and 325 level crossings over a length of 516 Km. in the Southern Districts of Kerala.

(b) There are 20 road overbridges and 13 road underbridges.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) Construction of four road overbridges in replacement of busy level crossings at Kuttipuram, Calicut, Badagara and Telli-cherry has already been sanctioned. Railways can consider construction of more such overbridges if sponsored by the State Gov-