

individual schemes. During 1961-62, a total grant of Rs. 72 lakhs, both in cash and kind, has been sanctioned to the Kerala Government for all the Centrally aided schemes, including the scheme for the control of leprosy.

Trivandrum Central Station

330. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve the Trivandrum Central Station; and

(b) if so, what is the amount allotted for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An estimate amounting Rs. 1,42,339/- has been sanctioned to improve the water supply arrangements at Trivandrum Central station.

The Railway administration is also contemplating to provide the following facilities:

- (i) An additional goods shed.
- (ii) Additional accommodation for Parcel Office.
- (iii) Cover over the platform in continuation of the existing one.

Anti-Sea Erosion Works in Kerala

331. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala have submitted their overall plan for anti-sea erosion works during the Third Plan period;

(b) what amount has been asked for by them;

(c) whether the Government of India have approved the schemes;

(d) what are the details thereof; and

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(e) what is the amount allocated in the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim): (a) No.

(b) Rs. 600 lakhs.

(c) No scheme has been received from the State Government so far.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Rs. 360 lakhs.

Drinking Water facilities on N. Railway stations

332. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the drinking water facilities on the Northern Railway stations during this summer; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Steps have been taken to ensure supply of drinking water at all stations during this summer. Additional temporary watermen are being posted at stations and travelling watermen are being provided on trains. More 'Matkas' and water trolleys are being supplied. The permanent strength of 1839 watermen on this Railway is being augmented by 1744 additional temporary watermen during the summer.

Commemoration Stamp

333. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received for the issue of special postage stamps to honour the great social reformer Shree Narayana Guru Dev; and

(b) if so, the decision Government have taken in the matter?