

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?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal has been kept for consideration in connection with a special series of stamps to be brought out on social reformers of India. It will, however, take some time before such a series is brought out.

Movement of Coal to Punjab

334. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps being taken to relieve the wagon shortage for the movement of coal to Punjab?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Movement of coal to Punjab takes place in the direction above Moghalsarai from Bengal and Bihar coalfields on the basis of the allocation made by the Coal Controller for that State. No separate movement quotas are fixed for Punjab.

Apart from augmenting rolling stock required to step up coal loading in general, in addition to the electrification of Grand Chord upto Moghalsaria the following measures are being taken to further step up movement of coal to destinations in the above Moghalsarai direction:—

- (i) Introduction of diesel traction on the Moghalsarai-Saharanpur Section for goods traffic.
- (ii) Electrification of the Moghalsarai—Kanpur Section during the III Plan.
- (iii) Complete doubling of the Ghaziabad-Tundla, Moradabad-Saharanpur and Kanpur-Allahabad sections.

Railway line connecting Nangal Dam With Pong Dam

335. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line to

connect Nangal Dam with Pong Dam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Booking of Goods from Belanganj (Agra) Goods Station

336. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the booking of goods to outstations from Belanganj (Agra) goods station has declined in recent years;

(b) if so, what are the figures for 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62;

(c) what are the reasons for the decline; and

(d) whether facilities available at other stations have been denied there such as:

- (i) direct booking by meter gauge to stations on the Southern Railway as is done from Hathras and Achnera;
- (ii) ready availability of wagons for destinations on the Western Railway from wayside stations of Midhakur and Kiraoli (instead of Belanganj).
- (iii) priorities granted by Trade Commissioner for Assam from Hathras and Kanpur (and not Agra)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (d). The information is not readily available. It has been called for from Railways and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Transfer of Vigilance Inspectors under Railway Board

337. Shri P. G. Sen: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: