

**Indo-Bangladesh Talks on Sharing
of Ganga Waters**

721. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SINGH MALIK :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION
AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bangladesh has recently approached the Government of India to discuss the complex issue of sharing of Ganga waters as the January-May Ganga flow agreement has expired on January 31, 1985 ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) : Arrangements for sharing of the available flows of the Ganga at Farakka, as per the Indo-Bangladesh Memorandum of Understanding—October, 1982, has expired on 31st May, 1984. The Government of Bangladesh has approached the Government of India recently for discussing the issue of sharing of Ganga Waters. In December, 1984, the Ministers of Irrigation of India and Bangladesh have discussed the subject of sharing of the dry season flows of the Ganga at Farakka between the two countries and the question of augmentation of the dry season flows of the Ganga at Farakka. Recognising the need for continuing the dialogue they have agreed to meet at an early date in Dhaka.

**Funds for Ernakulam-Alleppey and
Alleppey-Kayamkulam Lines**

722. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to allot more funds for Ernakulam-Alleppey and Alleppey-Kayamkulam railway lines ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) : The funds allotted for Ernakulam Alleppey and Alleppey-Kayamkulam railway line were Ra. 3.01 crores during 1984-85. No additional funds are proposed to be allotted during the current year. The proposed outlay for those two lines during 1985-86 is however, Rs. 2 crores.

**New Broad Gauge Line Between
Kuttippuram and Trichur**

723. PROF. R. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the construction of new broad gauge line between Kuttippuram and Trichur via Guruvayoor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. Not at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Rural Electrification in States

724. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SINGH MALIK :
SHRI AMARSINH RAT-
HAWA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION
AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Rural Electrification Programme is considerably behind the schedule in various States;

(b) if so, the names of States where the programme is lagging behind the schedule;