

Unmanned level crossings: 1655 Nos.

(b) Manning of level crossings is planned annually, based on their traffic density, as revealed from the periodical traffic census, and visibility considerations. Accordingly, six level crossings in Andhra Pradesh have been programmed for manning during 1990-91.

Vayudoot Serviceto Idukki, Kerala

451. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link Idukki district in Kerala with Vayudoot service considering the fact that Thekkadi is one of the best tourist centres in South India;

(b) whether a study and survey for a small airport in Idukki has been conducted;

(c) if not, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Availability of resources as well as the economics of operations do not permit airlinks to be provided to such places. There is no scope for subsidising air services in the country.

Chengannour-Trivandrum Railway Line

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

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a new railway line in Kerala during 1991-92;

(b) whether there is public demand in South Kerala to start a new railway line to connect Chengannour-Adoor-Kottarakkawa-Nedumangad-Trivandrum line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Two railway lines, namely-Trichur-Guruvayoor and Alleppey-Kayankulam which are already under construction, are scheduled for completion during 1991-92.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) State Government of Kerala and others have requested for construction of this line. Due to constraint of resources, there is no proposal for construction of this railway line for the present.

Allocation of Paraffin Wax to Gujarat

453. SHRIRATILAL KALIDAS VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for increasing the allocation of paraffin wax to 4600 MT per annum; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paraffin wax is a deficit product and allocation to States depends upon the availability of the product. Presently, the availability of paraffin wax is far less than the total requirement of various States/Union Territories including Gujarat and, therefore it has not been possible to increase the allocation.