

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN):** (a) Under the Jaldhara Scheme, which was launched in 1988-89, 13 States have been identified where 50000 pumpset connections are to be released to the marginal and poor farmers in drought prone areas. Schemes in five States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal covering a target of energization of 17958 pumpsets, were sanctioned during 1988-89. As the Jaldhara Scheme was cleared for implementation only in the last week of January, 1989, no progress was achieved in energization of pumpsets during 1988-89. Upto November, 1989, 1055 number ISI marked pumpsets have been energized.

(b) The statewide number of marginal and poor farmers under the drought prone areas who have benefited by the scheme are as given under:-

(1) Andhra Pradesh	378
(2) Orissa	677
	1055

(c) The Rural Electrification Corporation has released Rs. 6.03 crores as grant towards installation of 17958 pumpsets in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

#### **Industrial growth centres in Kerala**

69. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial growth centres allocated to the State of Kerala;

(b) the districts in the State where

growth centres are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the allocation made for each of them?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH):** (a) to (c). Under the new growth centres scheme, Kerala has been allocated two growth centres, which are proposed to be set up in the districts of Alleppey and Cannanore. Each growth centre would be provided with funds of the order of Rs. 25-30 crores.

#### **Vayudoot Services to Calicut**

70. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the stations connected to Calicut Airport by Vayudoot service;

(b) whether these flights have been regular over the past three months;

(c) if not, the main reasons for irregularity; and

(d) whether Government propose to connect Calicut to any more Vayudoot stations and if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN):** (a) The stations connected by Vayudoot services operating to and through Calicut are as follows:

1. Madras; 2. Bangalore; 3. Trivandrum; 4. Cochin; 5. Agatti

(b) and (c). Vayudoot flights operating to and through Calicut were regular during the months of September & November, 1989. However, during the month of October, 1989, 5 flights were cancelled due to non-availabil-

ity of aircrafts.

(d) No. Sir.

#### **Air Service Between Calicut and Gulf Countries**

71. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) where there is any proposal to connect Calicut Airport with any of the Gulf countries in view of the large number of Gulf passengers from the Malabar region of Kerala; and

(b) whether Government also propose to connect Calicut to the other airports in India from which international flights are operating and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Calicut is already linked with Bombay and Madras from where international flights are operated.

#### **Development of Palghat-Mangalore Section**

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

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the development of railways from Palghat to Mangalore in Kerala; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total allocation during the current year for developmental work in Palghat Division; and

(c) what portion of the allocation has already been utilised and for what projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Information is not maintained section-wise or Division-wise. However, the detailed information about projects on Southern Railway is available in the Budget documents.

#### **Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad Section**

73. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversion work of Manmad-Aurangabad railway line has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (c). Manmad-Aurangabad is a part of the gauge conversion project 'Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath' already approved. This section has been given priority. The progress of the work is commensurate with the allocation of resources. During the current financial year, Rs. 15 crores have been allocated for this project. Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

#### **Railway Link between Darwah Moti Bagh and Bhokar in Maharashtra**

74. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Darwah Moti Bagh to Bhokar broadgauge line in Maharashtra was surveyed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.