

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.