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Uttar Pradesh	182
All India	248

[English]

Railway Line

1215. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Alleppey railway line is not being utilised fully at present;

(b) whether the Government have received the request to make larger use of this line; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Alleppey railway line is being utilised to the extent of 78% of its chartered capacity.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Inter-city Express train between Ernakulam and Trivandrum and a weekly Express train between Bangalore and Quilon, both via Alleppey would be introduced during 1995-96.

National Service Volunteer Scheme

1216. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Service Volunteer Scheme has not been able to catch the attention of the youth in the rural areas of Kerala; and

(b) if so, what strategy the Government propose regarding wide publicity campaign of the said scheme throughout Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS): (SHRI MUKUK WASNIK): (a) The total Deployment of National Service Volunteers under National Service Volunteer Scheme throughout the country during 1994-95 is 3476 out of which 144 National Service Volunteers have been deployed in Kerala itself, including in rural areas. They have been working in organisations like National Service Scheme, Nehru Yuva Kendras, Bharat Scouts & Guides. The representation is adequate and satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise.

Local Trains and computerised Reservations

1217. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWASI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted to provide computerised reservation facility on the stations and to introduce local trains linking towns;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide such facility on the stations with an average ticket sale of over 200 a day during the current year;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to introduce local trains linking towns with population of more than one million; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The criteria currently being adopted is to provide the computerised passenger reservation facility at all stations having a workload of 300 and above reservation related transactions per day. There is no proposal at present to cover all stations having a workload of over 200 reservation related transactions per day.

Introduction of train services including local trains linking towns with a population of over one million is a continuous process depending on the quantum and pattern of passenger traffic and subject to operational feasibility and resource availability. However, during 1995-96, by the deployment of Main-line Electrical Multiple Unit/Diesel hauled push pull rakes, local service will be run on various sectors including those which have towns with a population of over one million such as. Surat-Vadodara, Vadodara-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad-Virangam, Surat-Valsad, Indore-Bhopal, Ernakulam-Guruvayur, Ernakulam-Quilon, and Pune-daund-Baramati.

[Translation]

Contract System in FCI

1218. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether contract system is prevailing for unloading of foodgrains in the godowns of Food Corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether some cases of irregularities have come to the notice of the Government as a result of application of contract system; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In some of the depots of Food Corporation of India the contract system is prevalent.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.