

(a) the income earned in the Ernakulam-Alleppey sector from passenger and goods traffic;

(b) whether some new trains are proposed to be introduced from Alleppey; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The sector was opened for traffic w.e.f. 15.10.89. The earnings for the period Oct./89 to Feb./90 on originating basis were:—

Passenger including other coaching	Rs. 21.03 lakhs
Goods	Rs. 22.97 lakhs
Total	Rs. 44.00 lakhs

(b) and (c). Extension of some additional trains to/from Alleppey is under examination.

Thermal Power Station in Tanjore, Tamil Nadu

4234. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to set up a thermal power station in Tanjore district in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board have proposed to set up a Gas Turbine Station (2 X 5 MW) at Narimanam in lieu of Kovilkalappal site, in Tanjore district, at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.77 crores.

[*Translation*]

Catering at Lucknow Junction

4235. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding bad quality of food and charging of high rates at the Lucknow Junction restaurants; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No such complaint has come to notice during the last one year.

(b) Steps taken, proposed to be taken to further improve the catering service include frequent inspections, use of standard raw materials, training to catering staff and use of modern kitchen equipment etc.

[*English*]

Train from Bombay to Nasik

4236. DR. DAULATRAO SONUJI AHER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is pressing demand from the public to start a train from Bombay to Nasik in the morning and from Nasik to Bombay in the evening;

(b) if so, when these trains are proposed to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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