

(a) whether there is no direct train from Ranchi to Bombay;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a direct train from Ranchi to Bombay; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN):

(a) Yes, Sir. There is no direct train.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Railway Projects in Kerala

2787. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have sent proposals to the Union Government for construction of new railway lines and conversion of metre gauge lines to broad gauge in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when these projects are likely to be approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following proposals have been received from the State Government of Kerala in the recent past:

Sl.No.	Proposals made	Length
1	2	3
1.	Trichur-Guruvayoor : New Line	34 km
2.	Allepey-Kayakulam : New Line	43 km
3.	Cochin-Trivandrum: Doubling	125 km
4.	Konkan Railway: New Line	837 km
5.	Shoranur Mangalore: Doubling	307 km
6.	Trichur-Guruvayoor Extn upto Tirur : New Line	60 km
7.	Madurai-Cochin: Conversion & New Line	300 km
8.	Chengannur-Trivandrum Central via Kottarakara & Nadumangad: New Line	128 km
9.	Telichari-Mysore via Coorg: New Line	235 km
10.	Chamrainagar-Nilambur Road: New Line	150 km
11.	Angamala-Achenkovil: New Line	280 km
12.	Kottayam-Madurai: New line & Conversion	300 km

- (c) (i) Items Nos. 1 to 4: Have already been taken up for construction.
- (ii) Items Nos. 5 & 6: Survey has been taken up in 1990-91.
- (iii) Items Nos. 7 & 8: Projects were surveyed and not found financially viable. These cannot be considered at present due to constraint of resources.
- (iv) Items Nos. 9 to 12: No survey has been carried out for these lines. However, these cannot be considered at present due to constraint of resources.

Number of Executives in NHPC

2788. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the executives from Engineer to General Manager in the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Limited;

(b) the number and percentage of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes executives in each category;

(c) whether the guidelines with regard to the recruitment of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are being complied with; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The number of Executives from Engineer to General Manager in the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Ltd. and the number and percentage of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Executives in each category is given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d). The percentages of reservation as laid down in Government guidelines are 15% for SC and 7 1/2% for ST. The percentage of reservation is less in respect of most categories of executive posts in NHPC on account of the following reasons:

- (i) In the initial stages of setting up of NHPC, almost all senior level executives were drawn on deputation from different State Governments/Central Government Departments based on requirement of the posts. Many of these officials did not belong to SC/ST categories and were subsequently absorbed in the Corporation. Hence low percentage of SC/ST at senior level posts.
- (ii) The recruitment in NHPC is generally made at the induction level in the lowest category of executive posts i.e. Engineer/Officer in the scale of Rs. 2200-4000. In view of this, the low percentage of representation in the higher categories of posts could not be made good in the respective levels.
- (iii) A sizeable number of candidates belonging to SC/ST do not join every year even after issue of offers of appointments by NHPC. For example, during 1989, offers were issued to 46 SC candidates against which only 21 joined; offers were issued to 2 ST candidates but none joined. During