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**SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-
THALA :****Late Running of 'Kerala Express'**

189. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the regular late running of the 'Kerala Express' ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to run the train as per schedule ?

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

(b) An intensive punctuality drive has been launched.

**Introduction of New Trains Between
New Delhi and Trivandrum**

190. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the heavy rush of railway passengers on New Delhi-Trivandrum section ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce any new train on this section ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some passengers remain on waiting list.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Kayamkulam Super Thermal Power
Plant**

191. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the stage at which the construction of the Super Thermal Power Station at Kayamkulam in Kerala stands ;

(b) whether the construction work was hampered on account of labour disputes ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Union Government are planning to shift the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station to some other State ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whether there is any financial constraint in the construction of this power plant ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c), (f) and (g) National Thermal Power Corporation has undertaken infrastructural works pending approval by Government of India. The progress of such work has not been hampered by any labour dispute.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Samastipur-Darbhanga Railway Line

192. SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA, SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the extension work of broad-gauge line from Samastipur to Darbhanga was approved ;

(b) the budgetary allocations made for this project during the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) the details of the work completed during 1990-91 ;

(d) whether it is proposed to complete the project during the year 1991-92 ;

(e) if so, the specific details ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) In 1974-75 the work was sanctioned as a gauge conversion project which was later changed to parallel BG line in 1990-91 Budget.

(b) It has not been found possible to provide funds to this work so far, as the work has not been able to find its priority in the list of sanctioned works, in view of the acute resource constraints and the meagre funds allotted under this plan head by the Planning Commission.

(c) Nil.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Completion of this project would depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Bridge in Vijayawada City

193. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction of road under bridge in lieu of a railway level crossing near Ajit Singh Nagar on Madras-Howrah line in Vijayawada

City was included in railway works programme in 1988-89

(b) the details of the proposal and estimated cost thereof ;

(c) the reasons for the delay in the implementation of the project ; and

(d) when the work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes Sir. The work was initially sanctioned in the Railways Works Programme 1987-88.

(b) The proposal as revised by the State Government is for construction of road-over bridge at the location. The overall cost of the work is approximately Rs. 304.72 lakhs to be shared by the Railways (Rs. 143.81 lakhs) and the State Government (Rs. 160.91 lakhs).

(c) It took some time to work out the technical details of the revised scheme of road-overbridge.

(d) The work will be taken up for execution, after sanction of the estimates and completion of other preliminaries.

Development of Vijayawada Station

194. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Vijayawada Station as a Model Station ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS