

Expansion of Jajpur Keonjhar Railway Junction

4409. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken to improve the Jaipur Keonjhar Railway Junction, S.E. Railway ;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide proper passenger amenities at Jajpur Keonjhar junction such as pucca platforms, over-head bridges, drinking water for the approaching summer and a retiring room ;

(c) the steps being taken to construct a bigger retiring room/musaffirkhana to provide sleeping accommodation at the Junction; and

(d) whether any proposal/survey has been carried out to provide one over-head bridge at the station, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Jajpur Keonjhar Road Station has been provided with proper waiting hall, piped water supply, one water cooler, 3 high level and 2 low level platforms, foot-over-bridge connecting all the platforms, refreshment rooms, waiting room, platform shelter and circulating area. Extension of Second Class Waiting Hall with separate urinals for ladies and gents has been recently provided.

(c) There is no proposal at present for construction of a retiring room. This station is provided with one waiting room and one dormitory having 4 beds with sanitised baths.

(d) State Government has recently agreed to bear their share of cost for replacement of level crossing by a road over bridge and the details of the proposal are under joint examination of the Railways and Orissa State Government.

Funds Alloted for Civil Construction work in Trivandrum Railway Division

4410. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) the total allocations for the year 1985-86 for civil construction works in the Trivandrum Railway Division with the details of the amount allotted for each item of work ;

(b) the amount spent for each item till date ; and

(c) the progress of work under each item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Average Kilometrage of Rail

4411. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the national average of kilometrage of rail for a lakh of population at present;

(b) what is the average kilometrage for the same population in Kerala; and

(c) what specific steps are being taken to bring Kerala up to the national average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 9.03 Kms. (approximate)

(b) 3.60 Kms. (approximate)

(c) The construction of New Lines are taken up after examining their feasibility, financial remunerativeness and traffic justification etc. The construction of new BG line between Ernakulam and Alleppey and its extension to Kayankulam are in progress in the State of Kerala.

Flights between Delhi-Cochin via Goa

4412. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flights from Cochin to Delhi via Goa have been reduced from 7 days a week to 6 days a week;