

upheld by the Supreme Court are being examined.

**Pay Scales of Laboratory Assistants in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

5067. SHRI RAHIM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration had granted UDC's pay-scales to their Laboratory Assistants;

(b) whether there is a decision to extend this revision to the Laboratory Assistants working in Kendriya Vidyalayas also; and

(c) if so, whether the decision has been implemented, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The revised pay scales for Laboratory Assistants in Delhi Administration is Rs. 1200-30-1560-EB-40-2040. Further, the existing incumbents of selection grade have been allowed the pay scale of Rs 1350-30-1440-40-1800-EB-50-2200.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Orders are being issued for implementation of the revised pay scales for Laboratory Assistants working in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

**Financial Assistance for Kottayam by-pass in Kerala**

5068. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has approached Union Government for providing financial assistance for construction of Kottayam by-pass in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Rameshwaram-Kanyakumari Railway Line**

5069. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Rameshwaram and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu in the near future by a railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA). (a) to (c). Railway line already exists between Kanyakumari and Rameshwaram. A.B.G. line exists between Kanyakumari and Maniyachi and an M.G. line exists between Maniyachi and Rameshwaram via Virudhunagar and Manamadurai.

**Area brought under Irrigation in Maharashtra**

5070. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land brought under irrigation in 1986-87 and proposed to be brought under irrigation during 1987-88 in Maharashtra in general and Vidharbha in particular; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance to be given for the areas proposed to be brought under irrigation in Vidharbha and other parts of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) An additional area