

**Kollam-Trivandrum Line**

688 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the present stage of the Kollam-Trivandrum Railway line; and

(b) the reasons for delay in completing the project, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) and (b). Work is in progress. Land has been handed over only between Trivandrum and Kazhakuttam (12 kms) and this section would be opened by March 1997. State Govt. have been requested to agree to the closure of the road to enable construction of ROB at Trivandrum and also to expedite land acquisition between Kazhakuttam and Quilon.

[Translation]

**Complaints against Ticket Examiners**

689 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received complaints against several Ticket Examiners and Conductors from various zones regarding their alleged arbitrary behaviour and harassing the passengers;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last two years in each zone; and

(c) the action taken in this regard and the number of employees punished, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Zone-wise complaints received during the last two years are given as under

Central	448
Eastern	220
Northern	457
N E	47
Northeast	
Frontier	7
Southern	90
South Central	88
South Eastern	220
Western	551

(c) Departmental action under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules has been taken against 612 staff

**Trains For Varvadeeh**

690 SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any new train from Dehri-on-Sone and Patna to Varvadeeh (Palamau);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints

[English]

**National Watershed Development Project**

691 SHRIMATI BHAVANA BEN DEVRAJ BHAU CHIKHALIA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the areas covered so far in each district of Gujarat under the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent on this project in Gujarat during each of the last three years; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the current financial year for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) (a) The area covered so far in each district of Gujarat under the project during the last three years (1992-93 to 1995-96) is shown in the statement enclosed

(b) The amount spent on this project in Gujarat during each of the last three years is as under

		(Rs. in lakhs)
S No	Year	Amount spent
1.	1993-94	653.14
2	1994-95	744.69
3	1995-96	1408.30
Total		2806.13

(c) The amount earmarked for the current financial year (1996-97) for this project is Rs. 1500.00 lakhs