

Underground Water Potential in Kerala

3489. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU:
SHRI K. MOHANDAS:

Will the minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total underground water potential in Kerala;

(b) how much has been utilised so far;

(c) whether any plan is being drawn up to fully utilise the potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Total annual replenishable ground water resource of Kerala is 0.81 million hectare meters of which 0.69 million hectare meters is for irrigation use.

(b) Present level of utilisation is 10.14 per cent.

(c) and (d). The State Government plans and implements water resources projects to exploit available ground water resources.

[*Translation*]

Inclusion of Samastipur Railway Stations in Sonepur Division

3491. SHRI RAMDEO RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost all the railway stations (broad gauge) of Samastipur district falling in Samastipur division have been included in Sonepur division;

(b) if so, the reason therefore; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to restore the transferred stations to Samastipur division and extend the same facilities to the people of Samastipur district as before?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway divisions are formed taking into account the administrative and operational requirements, consistent with the needs of efficiency and economy. The jurisdiction of Samastipur division was adjusted for formation of Sonepur division keeping in view these principles.

(c) No, Sir.

[*English*]

Jakhapura-Banspani Railway Line

3492. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Jakhapura-Banspani line in Orissa has been delayed;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefore;

(c) the present position with regard to the construction of that line; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the second and third phases of this line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). After