

<i>Southern</i>	Passenger	71	..	8
	Express & Mail	60
<i>S.C.</i>	Passenger	62	16	66
	Express & Mail	46	1	..
<i>South-Eastern</i>	Passenger	15	17	20
	Express & Mail	53	9	..
<i>Western</i>	Passenger	74	38	47
	Express & Mail	38	24	4

Provision of Amenities in Station in Kottayam—Quilon Sector

11106. SHRI B. K. NAYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that nearly all the railway stations in the Kottayam-Quilon sector of the Southern Railway are in a poor state that hardly any amenities are provided for the passengers with very small station buildings, low-level platforms, no waiting rooms not even drinking water or toilet facilities;

(b) even the staff provided is too inadequate to meet the needs of hundreds of passengers;

(c) if so, whether he has any proposal to remedy the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (d). There are 13 stations on Kottayam-Quilon Section. The station buildings at these stations are adequate to serve the needs of traffic at present handled at the stations. High level platforms are provided at Kottayam and Quilon and low-level platforms have been provided at other stations. Only at Chingavanam, Kayankulam and Karunagapalli the second platform provided is of rail-level. Waiting halls have

been provided at all the stations and waiting rooms for Upper Class passengers are provided at 7 stations. Drinking water is available at all the stations. Piped water supply is available at Kottayam, Chengannur, Karunagapalli and Quilon stations. Lavatories have been provided at all the stations. Improvement|augmentation of existing passenger facilities is a continuing process and is carried out on a programmed basis considering the needs of passenger traffic offering and in accordance with the approval of Railway Users Amenities Committee and availability of funds.

Required strength of staff is provided at all the stations. At present remodelling of Kottayam and Chengannur station buildings with requisite additional facilities has been taken up and the works are in progress.

D.T.C. Bus Route No 91

11107. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Route No. 91 has temporarily been diverted from Old Rohtak Road to New Rohtak Road;

(b) whether Delhi Transport Corporation authorities are facing any difficulty in operation of the new route; if so, the reasons in details;