

**Electrification of Trivandrum-
Ernakulam Line**

398. SHRI P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by Government from the Government of Kerala for electrification of Trivandrum-Ernakulam line and other railway lines in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter, keeping in view the fact that electricity is available in abundance in Kerala and at a cheaper rate; and

(c) details of the railway lines proposed to be electrified in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) to (c). Yes. Availability of power for electrification in abundance and at cheap rates is only one of the many factors which influence selection of a railway line for electrification. Moreover, the traffic density on the railway sections falling in the Kerala State, as projected in 1988-89, falls far short of the traffic densities considered essential for electrification as found in a study conducted in 1978. As such, it has been decided not to take up electrification of Erode-Ernakulam-Trivandrum section for the present.

बाड़मेर रेलवे स्टेशन

399. श्री विरधी चन्द्र जैन : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर रेलवे के बाड़मेर रेलवे स्टेशन की इमारत का निर्माण कब किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त रेलवे स्टेशन की इमारत बहुत ही छोटी है और कर्मचारियों की बढ़ती संख्या और जनता की बढ़ती सुविधाओं को देखते हुए अपर्याप्त है ;

(ग) क्या रेलवे प्रशासन का विचार रेलवे स्टेशन का विस्तार करने तथा आधुनिक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करने के लिए जनता तथा रेल कर्मचारियों की मांग को पूरा करने हेतु आवश्यक कदम उठाने का है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) :

(क) से (घ). बाड़मेर स्टेशन की इमारत जिसका निर्माण 1929-30 में किया गया था, उसे स्थिति में है और यात्री यातायात तथा कर्मचारियों की आवश्यकता पूरी करने के लिए पर्याप्त है। इसलिए, फिलहाल, स्टेशन की इमारत का विस्तार किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

**Lower pay to Women than Men in
Tea, Coffee and Rubber Plantations**

400. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earnings of women workers in the three main plantations—tea, coffee and rubber—continue to be lower than their male counterparts; and

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) and (b). According to the Report on Third Occupational Wage Survey (1974-75) of Plantation Industries conducted by Labour Bureau, the average daily earnings of men were higher than those of women in plantation industry. In rubber plantation women were receiving more than their male counterparts, whereas in coffee and tea plantations the average minimum