

As desired by the Municipal Council, the matter was referred to the Chief Engineer and Joint Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra, Public Health Department, for clearing the sewage disposal scheme. Following a joint inspection of the site by the Executive Engineer, Environmental Engineering, Works Division, Satara, and Railway Engineers on 18th September, 1978, the scheme for sewage disposal and drainage was modified and permission given by the former to resume construction of the Holiday Homes. The drainage and sewage disposal scheme have been provided as per scheme approved by the Public Health Department of the State Government and the Holiday Homes since commissioned from April, 1980.

Direct Train Service between Ahmedabad and Cochin

5468. SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public to start a direct train service between Ahmedabad and Cochin; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Introduction of a direct train between Ahmedabad and Trivandrum is operationally not feasible at present due to lack of spare line capacity enroute and also lack of adequate terminal facilities at Ahmedabad. However, for passengers from Ahmedabad a firm quota of 50 berths of second class in a nominated coach has been earmarked in 41 Madras-Cochin Express at Arakkonam for travelling towards Cochin. In addition, a quota of 10 second class sleeper berths in 19 Madras-Trivandrum Mail has been earmarked with effect from 20-6-80.

Hill Highway in Kerala

5469. SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala State Government has approached the Centre for assistance to construct a hill Highway connecting North and South of Ghat area of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have offered assistance; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (c). The Kerala Government included the Hill Highway (Alacode to Mysore) in their proposals for loan assistance under the Central Aid Programme of State roads of inter-State or economic importance for 1978-83 Plan period. However, as there was no provision for considering any new scheme under that Plan finally, this proposal for developing the Hill highway could not be considered for Central financial assistance.

Allotment of Government Accommodation to Employees of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, New Delhi

5471. SHRI CHANDRA PAL SHAILANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 592 on 12th June, 1980 re. allotment of Government accommodation to employees of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, New Delhi and state:

(a) the details of essentiality of service and condition prescribed for allotment of out of turn Government accommodation and the names of departments so termed in the hospital;

(b) the number of employees allotted out of turn residential accommodation during the last three years;

(c) the departments/services they were posted at the time of out of turn accommodation;