

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir

(b) Supply of electric cranes at Kozhikode and Tellicherry Ports and provision of a sea-going tug and formation of an approach road at Azhikkal Port have been undertaken in the current financial year

Passenger Amenities

1084 Shri Jinachandran. Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the passenger amenities proposed to be provided at the railway stations on the Kerala section of the Madras-Mangalore line during 1959-60 and 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) The following amenities are proposed to be provided at the under-mentioned stations during the year 1959-60

- 1 Kuttipuram—Extension of III Class waiting hall
- 2 Kuttipuram—Provision of pucca type latrine with 6 seats
- 3 Olavakkot—Provision of retiring rooms
- 4 Payyanur—Extension of III Class waiting hall
- 5 Payyanur—Provision of pucca type latrine with 6 seats
- 6 Shoranur Junction—Provision of additional dining hall in Non-Vegetarian Refreshment Room
- 7 Chullimada—Provision of pucca type latrine with 4 seats
- 8 Nilshwar—Provision of pucca type latrine with 6 seats
- 9 Valapatnam—Provision of pucca type latrine with 4 seats

As far as proposals for the year 1960-61 are concerned, the list will be finalised only by July 1959, after it is approved by the Users' Amenity Committee

Malabar-Cochin Express

1085 Shri Jinachandran: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the number of seats available in each of the three classes for West Coast and non-West Coast passengers in Malabar and Cochin Expresses,

(b) whether in view of the large amount of traffic between Madras and West Coast towns, Government propose to run these two trains entirely for the use of West Coast passengers, and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to ease the present congestion in this sector?

The Deputy Minister Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan). The details of the accommodation provided in Nos 1 and 2 Madras-Mangalore Mails and Nos 19 and 20 Madras-Cochin Express trains are indicated in the statement placed on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 93] Accommodation is not separately set apart in these trains for West Coast and non-West Coast passengers

(b) No

(c) The steps taken and proposed to be taken to give relief to overcrowding on the trams serving the West Coast section of the Southern Railway, are indicated below

- (1) A sectional third class coach was introduced on Nos 19/20 Madras-Cochin Express trains between Madras and Salem with effect from 14th August, 1958 from Madras end and from 15th August 1958 from Salem end
- (11) The sectional third class coach running between Madras and Arkonam on No 19 Madras-Cochin Express and No 312 Jalarpet-Madras Passenger was extended to run between Madras and Jalarpet with effect from 14th February, 1959, to clear the sectional