

(a) the total number of Stores Depots in Southern Railway and how many Stores Depots are there in Kerala; and

(b) from which Store Depot Ernakulam Junction and Trivendrum Central Stations are served and the distance from the depot to these stations ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) There are 7 major stores depots and 10 sub-depots and none of these are situated in Kerala.

(b) Ernakulam Junction and Trivandrum Central are served by General Stores Depot at Nagappattinam for general stores. Loco and carriage & wagon items are supplied by the Loco Stores Depot, Madurai. The distances between these stations are indicated below:--

Nagappattinam to Trivandrum Central 616 Kms.

Nagappattinam to Ernakulam Junction 707 „

Madurai to Trivandrum Central 333 „

Madurai to Ernakulam 424 „

DRINKING WATER FOR MERAL, GARHWA RAMNA STATIONS (EASTERN RAILWAY)

1248. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute scarcity of drinking water at Meral, Garhwa, Ramna Railway Stations in Palamau District (Bihar) and passengers face a lot of hardship;

(b) whether Government have any plan to sink tube wells at these stations to meet the need of the passengers; and

(c) if so, the main features of the plan ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.

(b) Deep wells exist at these stations already.

(c) Does not arise.

INTRODUCTION OF A PASSENGER TRAIN FROM DELHI TO REWARI

1249. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new passenger train from Delhi to Rewari (Northern Railway) in order to avoid over-crowding; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, there is neither economic justification for running such short-distance shuttle as adequate services are already available, nor is there terminal capacity available at Delhi and Rewari to deal with additional train.

(b) Does not arise.

दिल्ली-रेवाड़ी मीटर गेज रेलवे लाइन (उत्तर रेलवे) को दोहरा करना

1250. श्री ईश्वर चौधरी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली-रेवाड़ी (उत्तर रेलवे) के मध्य मीटर गेजरे लवे लाइन को दोहरा करने का कार्य कब प्रारम्भ किया गया था और अब तक उस पर कितना व्यय किया जा चुका है ;

(ख) उक्त कार्य कब से स्थगित है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) पाटौदी रेलवे स्टेशन तक यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?