

MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). Kazhakuttam Railway Station is situated in Quilon-Trivandrum Central. M.G. Section of Southern Railway. No written representation for modernization of this station has been received. However, on a personal representation from Shri Camali as Moraes M.L.A. Kovalam, a proposal to modernise this station was put up before the Divisional Users' Consultative Committee for approval as per extant procedure and who after taking into consideration the relative priority of other such stations and availability of funds, could not approve the same. However, the proposal will again be considered for inclusion in future years' Works Programme, in consultation with Railway Users' Amenities Committee and according to the availability of funds.

**Facilities for the Passengers at Kazhakuttam Railway Station (Kerala)**

2614. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government are aware that Kazhakuttam Railway Station (Kerala) is an important station with a large number of Central and State institutions around that area ;

(b) if so, whether the platform of the station is not roofed and there is no bench for the waiting passengers ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to provide these facilities at that Station ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes.

(b) The platform has no cover, but 8 benches are provided in the waiting hall and on the platform.

(c) Passenger amenity works like cover over the platform are provided in consultation with the Railway Users' Amenities Committee based on relative priority and availability of funds. Accordingly the work regarding provision of cover over

platform at Kazhakuttam would be considered for inclusion in future year's Works Programme.

**Eligibility to various classes of Railway Accommodation**

2615. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5138 on the 18th December, 1973 regarding representation for issue of First Class Pass to Employees of Northern and Western Railways on abolition of second class and state the decision taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : No decision has been taken so far.

**Non-payment of dues to Staff working at Ajmer (Western Railway)**

2616 SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government have received a list of dues to be paid to the staff working at Ajmer, Western Railway ; and

(b) the reasons for not making these payments and steps taken by Government to arrange payment without any further delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). No such list has been received. Cases for payment of dues are attended and finalised promptly as and when these are received.

**Payment of House Rent Allowance to Staff working at Bijuwa**

2617. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation in regard to payment of house rent allowance to the