

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Fifth Plan of Kerala has yet to be finalised. However, the main features of the proposed new irrigation and power

projects for which the necessary reports and estimates have been so far sent by the Government of Kerala to the Central Water and Power Commission are given below :—

Name of Project	Estimated cost (Rs. lakhs)	Benefits
1. Banasurasagar	1137.10	23,870 ha.
2. Tirunelli	650.00	8,900 ha.
3. Karapuzha	389 00	9,370 ha.
4. Periyar Valley (Iddikki)	1650 00	32,780 ha.
5. Vamanapuram	747.28	20,000 ha.
6. Attappady	476 00	7,280 ha.
7. Noolapuzha	290 00	8,500 ha.
8. Manjat	318 00	4,860 ha.
9. Thondar	299.00	6,070 ha.
10. Idamalayar	1439 00	57,400 ha.
11. Kerala Bhavani	1224 70	32,300 ha. and 100 MW Installed
12. Mananthody	1612 00	14,170 ha. and 200 MW Installed.
13. Pandiar-Punnapuzha Hydro-Electric Project	1122 00	70 MW Installed.
14. Kakkad (Sabirigiri Tailrace) Hydro-Electric Project.	1568 00	60 MW Installed.
15. Iddiki Hydro-Electric Project-Stage-III	410 00	Additional firm capacity of 48 MW at 100% Load Factor in Stage-I powerhouse.

Inclusion of these schemes in the Plan would depend upon their techno-economic feasibility, and availability of funds.

Railway Wagons available for Transportation of Coal to Kerala

2664. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway wagons made available for the transportation of coal to Kerala during the year 1973-74; and

(b) the number of wagons demanded for the transportation of coal in Kerala during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) During the year 1973-74 (upto February) 216 wagons of coal and coke were allotted for Kerala.

(b) Demand for coal and coke wagons from all coalfields for Kerala was 510 wagons during the same period.

Length of Railway Lines per one lakh persons in Kerala

2665. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the length of

Railways line per one lakh persons in the State of Kerala and how does it compare with the all India average?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): A lakh of population is served by 4.17 route kilometres of railway line in Kerala State as against the all India average of 11.01.

Projects sanctioned by R.E.C. for Kerala during 1973-74

2666 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAKKAPPAN Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) the projects sanctioned by the Rural Electrification Corporation of India during the current financial year in the State of Kerala, and

(b) the particulars regarding the projects sanctioned for the improvement of backward areas in the State of Kerala during 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) (a) The Rural Electrification Corporation has sanctioned four schemes of the Kerala State Electricity Board upto February, 1974 during the current financial year. These schemes involve loan assistance of Rs 139.255 lakhs for electrification of 166 villages and energisation of 2280 pumpsets. All these schemes pertain to the advanced areas.

(b) The Kerala State Electricity Board has sponsored only one scheme for specially under-developed area during the current financial year. This is under consideration of the Corporation.

Railway Guards' dissatisfaction with New Pay Scales

2667. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Guards working in the Northern Railway have represented to Government their dissatisfaction with the new pay scales and requested for reconsideration of this matter ;

(b) if so, whether any consideration has been given to the demands of the Guards; and

(c) if so, the decision of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (c). The Government have decided to broadly accept the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission relating to pay scales for Class II, III and IV Central Government employees, including Railway employees. The revised scales for the category of Guards have accordingly been notified on the basis of this decision. Any departure from the recommended scales, either on grounds of parity with other departments or with other categories in the same department will lead to wide repercussions.

Increase in prices of Petrol and other Products

2668 SHRI MADHU LIMAYL Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state whether the decision to increase further the price of petrol and other products was postponed for the time being in view of the Uttar Pradesh and Orissa Elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) No, Sir.

सिंचाई परियोजनाओं की प्रभावशक्ति

2669 श्री मूल चन्द्र शर्मा क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत यंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) सरकार के विचाराधीन उन सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के क्या नाम हैं जिनकी प्रभावशक्ति