

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