

**Construction of Pazassi Project and
Thannirmukkom Project**

2681. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA :
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND
POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the Pazassi Project in Cannanore district and the Thannirmukkom project in Alleppey district is moving at a snail pace due to lack of funds ;

(b) when are these projects likely to be completed and at what stage the construction of those projects stands at present ; and

(c) in which years the construction of these projects began and what was the estimated expenditure for those at that time and what are the present revised estimates of those projects and also the amounts spent so far on each of these projects ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) to (c). The construction of the Pazassi Project was started by the Government of Kerala in 1961-62, while construction of the Thannirmukkom regulator was started in 1958. The Projects were originally estimated to cost Rs. 4.42 crores and Rs. 1.50 crores respectively. The projects have been progressing slowly owing to inadequate provisions made by the Government of Kerala. The revised estimates for these projects now amount to Rs. 14.62 crores and Rs. 4.58 crores respectively. The expenditure on the projects, by the end of 1973-74 is expected to be Rs. 4.34 crores and Rs. 2.60 crores respectively.

On the Pazassi Project, about a third of the work on the barrage and about a quarter of the canal work has been done so far, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of the Fifth Plan. The second stage of the Thannirmukkom regulator is expected to be completed by

the middle of 1974, and benefits are expected to accrue when the Coffey dam for the third stage is completed by the end of 1974. The project as a whole is expected to be completed by 1977-78.

**House Building Applications by Railway
Employees of Olavakkode Division
(Southern Railway)**

2682. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many Railway employees in the Olavakkode Division of the Southern Railway applied for loans for the purchase of land for house buildings ; and

(b) in how many cases loans have been sanctioned ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) 13

(b) 8.

**Cancellation of Trains in Olavakkode
Region (Southern Railway)**

2683. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains cancelled in the Olavakkode Region (Southern Railway) due to coal shortage and locomotives' and other strikes during the last one year ;

(b) the number of trains which have since been re-introduced ; and

(c) the time by which the remaining trains will be restored ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The number of trains cancelled has been varying but on an average over the whole year, 9 Pairs of trains daily were cancelled.

(b) All services have since been restored excepting 23 pairs which still remain cancelled.

(c) The trains still remaining cancelled will be progressively restored as and when the loco coal supply position on Railways improves.

Doubling of Railway Track from Arkonam to Cochin

2684 SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Ministry had decided to double the track from Arkonam to Cochin ;

(b) whether the doubling is over in the Tamil Nadu portion of the track ; and

(c) how much time will it take to double the Kerala portion ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAH QURFISHI) : (a) to (c). The position is as under :

(i) *Tamil Nadu* : Double line to the extent of 383 km. is already available. Work on the doubling of 46 km is in progress and expected to be completed by December, 1974. Doubling of the single line portion between Irugur and Podanur is not considered necessary.

(ii) *Kerala* : Double line to the extent of 45 km is already available. Work on the doubling of 18 km. is in progress and expected to be completed by December, 1974. No target date for doubling of the balance portion of the section has yet been fixed.

Use of Coal in Place of Oil Fuel

2685 SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL
BHATIA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has deferred the

proposed switching over from oil fuel to coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, which are the units proposed to be converted into coal-based ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRA-SAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following units are proposed to be converted into coal fired ones:-

Name of Power Station	Installed capacity of units to be converted (MW)	
(i) Barauni (Bihar)	2 × 15 MW 2 × 50 MW	} 130 MW
(ii) Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	4 × 15 MW 2 × 30 MW	
(iii) Trombay (Maharashtra)	2 × 62.5 MW (1 × 62.5 MW plus 1 × 150 MW to switch over to coal. No conversion is required)	125 MW
(iv) Dhuvaran (Gujarat)	4 × 63.5 MW	254 MW

Fund for Rural Electrification in Fifth Plan

2686 SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAL.

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation of India had approached the Centre to make sufficient provision for the electrification of the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount allocated during the Fifth Five Year plan for the purpose; and

(c) the total number of villages which will be electrified and the number which will still be left out by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan?