

[Translation]

**Approval to Aluminium Projects**

196. SHRI JOGENDRA KAWADE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether in the absence of mining lease, the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any Aluminium Project for approval;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the present status of the project and the reasons for delay in granting approval to this project; and
- (d) the time by which the approval is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) No proposal has been received from Government of Maharashtra for setting up of an Aluminium Project.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[English]

**Strike by the Staff at Trivandrum Airport**

197. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the staff of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) at Trivandrum Airport in Kerala had gone on a strike on 27th April, 1998 to the inconvenience of the air passengers; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken to avoid such incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) As a result of some altercation between two agencies operating at the airport, there was disruption of operations for two to three hours.

(b) Efforts are being made to improve the relations through the Airport Coordination Committee.

**Passenger Amenities at Trivandrum Division**

198. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the need for undertaking more passenger amenities works including extension of platform and construction of foot over bridge at Alleppey, Mararikulam, Ambalapuzha, (Chenthalal), Haripad and Turgur Railway Station of Trivandrum Division; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) Passenger amenities at railway stations are provided as per norms based on the volume of traffic handled. Adequacy of amenities at stations are reviewed periodically and deficiencies if any detected are made good, depending on the availability of funds. Foot over bridge is already available at Alleppey and for the other stations there is no proposal for the present. As a measure of augmenting the amenities, following works have been taken up:

Station	Particulars of works	Cost in lakh Rs.
1. Alleppey	Extension of shelter on Platform Nos 1,2 & 3	45.00
	Ladies & gents waiting hall, refreshment room, crew rest room	27.00
	Parcel office, cloak room and reservation office	28.00
2. Ambalapuzha	Extension of platform	13.82
3. Shertallai	Raising of island platform	16.48
4. Thuravur	Shelter on island platform	13.00
	Raising of platform No. 2	11.45
	Extension of platform No. 1	15.00

**Execution of Works on 10% Charges**

199. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the roads and service roads are in bad state and also acute shortage of water in R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in regard thereto;

(c) whether the amount sanctioned for execution of works on 10% charges have remained the same while the contractors have doubled/tripled the charges;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to enhance the money limits to undertake works in the Government quarters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) Roads/Service roads in the Colony are under the maintenance of MCD. Approach roads/paths to quarters from the roads are under the maintenance of CPWD.