

[English]

**SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-  
THALA :****Late Running of 'Kerala Express'**

189. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the regular late running of the 'Kerala Express' ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to run the train as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An intensive punctuality drive has been launched.

**Introduction of New Trains Between  
New Delhi and Trivandrum**

190. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the heavy rush of railway passengers on New Delhi-Trivandrum section ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce any new train on this section ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some passengers remain on waiting list.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Kayamkulam Super Thermal Power  
Plant**

191. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the stage at which the construction of the Super Thermal Power Station at Kayamkulam in Kerala stands ;

(b) whether the construction work was hampered on account of labour disputes ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Union Government are planning to shift the Kayamkulam Thermal Power Station to some other State ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whether there is any financial constraint in the construction of this power plant ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c), (f) and (g) National Thermal Power Corporation has undertaken infrastructural works pending approval by Government of India. The progress of such work has not been hampered by any labour dispute.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

**Samastipur-Darbhanga Railway Line**

192. SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA, SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the extension work of broad-gauge line from Samastipur to Darbhanga was approved ;