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**Doubling of Railway Line between
Ernakulam and Trivendrum**

2103. SHRI P. A. ANTONY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for doubling of railway line between Ernakulam and Trivendrum; and

(b) if so, when is the work likely to be taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An alternative BG line between Ernakulam and Kayankulam, has been proposed for construction. Of this, Ernakulam-Alleppey (57km) has already been commissioned on 15.10.1989. Work on Alleppey-Kayankulam (43 km) is in progress and when completed, it will provide two alternative lines between Ernakulam and Kayankulam. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon (41 km) was approved in the Budget for 1989-90 and doubling between Quilon and Trivendrum (65 km) has been included in the Budget for 1990-91.

**Reservation of Berths for M. Ps. in
Trains Leaving Delhi**

2104. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any M.Ps' quota in reservation of berths in Railways for the trains starting from New Delhi;

(b) if so, how many days in advance it will be reserved; and

(c) whether Government propose to publish on each day the names of the Members of Parliament who avail this facility so that disputes and malpractices can be avoided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir in Upper Classes.

(b) Sixty days in advance.

(c) The names of Members of Parliament are printed in the relevant reservation charts which are displayed before the departure of the train. There is no proposal to change the existing practice.

New Division at Ahmedabad

2105. SHRI JAYANTILAL VIR CHAND SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahmedabad area falls within the jurisdiction of three railway divisions namely Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhavnagar and the divisions are located far away from the developed and industrial city of Ahmedabad;

(b) whether in order to have day-to-day smooth railway operations, the Railways have agreed for the creation of separate new railway division at Ahmedabad; and

(c) if so, the progress in this regard and by when the new division will be established there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). There is currently no proposal for creating a new division at Ahmedabad.