

**Airbus A-320 Services on Bombay-Cochin and Bombay-Trivandrum Routes**

2080. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:  
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to operate Airbus A-320 flights on Bombay-Cochin and Bombay-Trivandrum routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHANDHAWAN): (a) and (b). Cochin airport is not suitable for A-320 operations. The Bombay-Trivandrum route is already catered to by a daily A-320 service.

**Construction of Airport in Kottayam**

2081. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing new Airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any memorandum for constructing an airport in Kottayam (Kerala) has been received; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Barring the construction works already in progress, the national Airports Authority has not finalised any proposal for the construction of new airports in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no plan to construct a new airport at Kottayam.

**Doubling of Quilon-Madras Lines**

2082. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the doubling of the Quilon-Madras railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c). There are two routes between Madras and Quilon:-BG route via Jolarpettai-Salem-Shoranur-Ernakulam-Kayankulam and the MG route via Villupuram-Tiruchchirapalli-Dindigul-Virdnunagar-Tirunelveli. On the BG route double line is available on Madras-Ernakulam section. On Ernakulam-Kayankulam section, an alternative BG line is under construction and when completed, it will provide double line facility in the form of two single lines on this section- one the existing via Kottayam and the other via Alleppey under construction. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon is in progress.

There is no proposal for doubling the MG route at present as the MG route is sufficient for meeting the traffic requirements.

**Clearance to Pending power projects**

2083. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: