

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA :
Sir, we do have Project Officers posted in various parts of the State, but the grants are released only on the recommendation of the State Social Welfare Board and not on individual officer's recommendation.

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

[English]

Construction of fly-overs at railway crossings

***679. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI :**
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a long-term programme of converting railway crossings into fly-overs is under consideration of Government in order to avoid frequency of accidents at railway crossings;

(b) the number of such railway crossings converted into fly-overs on high-frequency railway routes during the last three years; and

(c) the target date fixed for doing away with all such railway crossings by providing alternate fly-overs instead ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Such works are considered by the Railways for inclusion in their annual works programme keeping in view the priority accorded by the State Governments.

(b) 33 road over/under bridges have been provided during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Railway development work in Trivandrum Division

***681. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any major development work is being undertaken in the Trivandrum Division during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes Sir

(b) Approved 'New Lines' projects are :

(i) Ernakulam—Alleppey

(ii) Alleppey—Kayankulam

(iii) Trichur—Guruvayur.

Central assistance for development of inland water transport in Kerala

***682. SHRI K. MOHAN DAS :** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of assistance given to Kerala by the Union Government for the development of inland water transport during the Sixth Plan; and

(b) the details of the work done so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Central loan assistance for IWT schemes is given to the State Governments in the prescribed ratio on the approved cost estimates of the schemes submitted by the State Government and included in the Five-Year Plan. The Central Assistance