

हुई दरें कोट करने के लिए भी प्राधिकृत किया गया है।

(ग) ये रियायतें विपणन नीति के रूप में अधिक यातायात आकर्षित करने और अतिरिक्त आमदानी जुटाने के लिए शुरू की गई है।

Railway Zone in Kerala

1999. SHRI M.J. VARKEY
MATTATHIL: Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the basis on which the seven new Railway Zones were selected;

(b) why the Ministry has constantly neglected the development of Railways in Kerala, even though passengers emanating from Kerala abide by the law and take tickets and are the highest per capita contributor to the Railways; and

(c) whether the Minister will consider setting up of a new Railway Zone in Kerala?

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 &
PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) New zones
were set up keeping in view the factors
like size, workload, accessibility, traffic
patterns and other operating/
administrative requirements etc.
consistent with the needs of economy and
efficiency. Taking the various factors into
consideration, the Government had decided to
set up 7 new zones.

(b) No, Sir. Kerala has not been neglected.

The following developmental works in
Kerala are in progress:—

New Lines

- (i) Kottayam-Erumeli (To be
taken up after necessary
clearances have been
obtained).

(ii) Angamali/Sabarimala

(iii) Kultipuram-Guruvayur

Gauge Conversion

- (i) Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur &
Tenkasi-Virudhunagar

Doubling-

- (i) Quilon-Thiruvananthapuram
(ii) Kuttipuram-Calicut
(iii) Calicut-Mangalore
(iv) Ernakulam-Ernakulam
Marshalling Yard.

Railway Electrification

- (i) Walyar-Ernakulam (Work in
progress)
(ii) Ernakulam- Thiruvananthapuram
(To be taken up after necessary
clearance have been obtained.)

(c) It is not feasible to set up a Zonal
Office in Kerala.

Cut in Wagon Order

2000. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there has not
been any cut in the wagon orders for 1998-99
for Messrs. H.D.C. and Modern Industries,
inspite of the cut on other manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):
(a) Yes, Sir. However, a quantity of 199 nos.
(297.5 in terms of four wheelers) have been
frozen against order of 125 nos. Open wagons
with 'K' type brake block (BOXN 'K') on
Hindustan Development Corporation.