

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

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

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) Kuttipuram-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?

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) 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.