

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Peninsular railway zone for Kerala

3151. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has been demanding a peninsular railway zone for Kerala considering the needs and geographical sprawl of Kerala being quite different from the neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some States including Kerala have requested for separate zone. As of now, no decision to form a new zone has been taken.

Electricity consumption by Railways

3152. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the annual electricity consumption for last five years;

(b) what has been the annual electricity bill of the railways during that period;

(c) at what rate the Railways have been purchasing the electricity for operations and non-operational purposes;

(d) what are the sources of power supply of Railways; and

(e) whether the Railways purchase power at uniform price from all the suppliers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Annual electricity consumption of Indian Railways for operational (Traction) and non operational (Non traction) purpose for the last five years are as under :—

(Electricity consumption in million Kwh)

Type	Year				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Operational purpose (Traction)	9477	10132	10398	11035	11685
Non Operational purpose (Non Traction)	2221	2274	2307	2322	2411
TOTAL:	11698	12406	12705	13357	14096