

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

(b) The annual electricity bill of the Railways for the last five years are as under:—

(Electricity bill paid in million Rs.)

Type	Year				
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Operational purpose (Traction)	40529	42668	43919	47182	50108
Non Operational purpose (Non Traction)	9205	9937	9786	9893	10448
TOTAL :	49734	52605	53705	57075	60556

(c) Average cost of energy in paisa per unit for Operational (Traction) and Non operational (Non-Traction) purpose for the year 2007-08 are as under:—

(paisa per unit)

Type	Year	Average cost
Operational purpose (Traction)	2007-08	429
Non operational purpose (Non traction)	2007-08	433

(d) Power is purchased from different distribution companies (DISCOMs) in States and three power companies viz. Tata electric, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and NTPC.

(e) No, Sir. However, it varied from 369 paisa per unit (in Kerala) to 518 paisa per unit (in Gujarat) during 2007-08.

Captive power plants for operational usage

3153. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to build captive power plants for its operational usage;
- (b) if so, the details of the capacity and locations of such plants;
- (c) whether Railways propose joint venture to set up these power plants;
- (d) whether the option to form joint venture limited to PSUs only or the private players to can join;
- (e) whether the fuel supply linkages have been firmed up; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?