

**Comparison of Kerala Express with  
Bajdhani Express**

1687. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expense of running Kerala Express from New Delhi to Trivandrum and return and that of Rajdhani Express from New Delhi to Bombay;

(b) what is the average income per day from Kerala Express; and

(c) which train in the country gives the largest amount of income per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Train-wise figures of expenditure and earnings are not maintained.

(c) Does not arise.

**'Opening' of exclusive counter for parcels  
coming from Kerala**

1688. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether\* any additional counter was opened at the parcel delivery office in New Delhi Railway station for parcels coming from South India; and

(b) whether Government would consider the long standing demand for opening an exclusive counter for parcels from Kerala at the above office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Additional counter will be opened as soon as extra staff are available.

**Complaints regarding parcels issued  
from New Delhi Railway Station**

1689. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: 365 RS—4

(a) what is the number of complaints of missing parcels that were received at the office of the Chief Commercial Superintendent, Northern Railway, New Delhi in 1987-88;

(b) what is the number of these parcels which were recovered or complaints settled; and

(c) what is the number of cases pending and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Such statistics are not maintained. Details of claims preferred on Northern Railway during 1987-88 in respect of goods and parcels traffic and their disposal is given as under; —

(i) No. of claims preferred 66,264

(ii) Claims settled by payment, 40,496

(iii) Total No. of claims settled. 80,549

(iv) Closing balance.  
8,749

(v) Amount paid (in lacs of Rs.) 737.97  
lacs.

**Vacant posts of Staff Nurses in the AIMS**

1690. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of posts of staff nurses lying vacant in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New-Delhi;

(b) the number of nurses working on ad-hoc basis in this hospital;

(c) whether ad-hoc nurses are likely to be confirmed against vacant posts; and