

(c) by when the electrification of Palghat-Ernaculam line is proposed to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-  
DHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Ground-water project for Kerala**

2608. SHRI C. HARIDAS; Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether a Ground Water Project for Keraia has been undertaken to find out the ground water potential in the State;

(b) if so, what is the amount of money sanctioned for this project;

(c) by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) what are the names of the towns selected for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA); (a) and (b) The Central Ground Water Board has taken up a project to evaluate the ground water resource potential of the various hydrogeological units in Kerala, in collaboration with the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). An expenditure of Rs. 127.72 lakhs is expected to be incurred on the project studies by the Government of India in addition to the Swedish contribution of 6.9 million Swedish Kroner (Equivalent to Rs. 91.9 lakhs approx.).

(c) The project would be completed in a period of 4 years ending October, 1987.

(d) The project covers the entire area of the State, between Ponnani river in the north to Attingal (Vamanapuram) river in the south and includes all towns, cities and villages in the districts of Trichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Alleppey, Quilon and Trivendrum in full and parts of Palghat and Mallapuram districts.

**Extension of Rail line to Jiribam in Manipur**

2609. SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA  
SINGH-  
SHRI BUOY KRISHNA  
HANDIQUE:  
SHRI HUSEN DALWAI;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what progress has been made in extending the railway line to Jiribam in Manipur and the total cost incurred thereon; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY); (a) Work is in progress on construction of new M.G. rail line from Silchar to Jiribam. Its present progress is 19 per cent. Against an estimated cost Rs. 26.68 crores, expenditure upto 31.3.84 is Rs. 7.15 crores and outlay in 1984-85 is Rs. 3.75 crores.

(b) Its completion will depend on transfer of land by State Government to Railways and availability of resources in the coming years.

**Irrigation Projects**

2610. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI;  
SHRI GHULAM RASOOL  
KAR;

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise breakup of total acreage of cultivable land brought under irrigation so far;

(b) what are the major irrigation projects in hand at present;

(c) when these are likely to be completed; and

(d) what is the extent of area likely to be irrigated by these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA): (a) Statement