

Diversion of funds allocated to projects in Kerala

2766. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have diverted funds allocated to various projects in Kerala for 2010-11 to other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the action taken by Railways during 2011-12 in completing various projects so as to ensure funds allocated therefor do not remain unspent;
- (d) whether due to such diversion of funds, bills submitted by contractors of these projects in 2010-11 were not paid citing non-availability of funds; and
- (e) if so, the details of bills paid so far and bills pending for payment in such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Allotment of funds is made project-wise. Reappropriation of funds, if any, is also resorted to from the projects not progressing due to various reasons to the projects which require more funds so that the funds are optimally utilised without recourse to surrender at the end of the financial year.

- (c) Regular meetings are held with State Government Authorities to expedite land availability and to sort out other issues for expeditious completion of the projects.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

Demand for train service from Nagar-Kovil to Bengaluru

2767. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways consider public and civil society's representations and the manner in which long pending demands are given priority; and
- (b) if so, whether Nagar-Kovil to Bengaluru daily train service, a long pending public request, would be considered in 2011-12?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Representations for introduction of new trains, extension, diversion, increase in frequency, augmentation of existing trains are received at various levels of Railway administration and action as found feasible and justified is taken subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic justification. At present, there is no proposal for introduction of a daily train service between Bangalore and Nagar-Kovil.

Shifting of Headquarter

2768. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: