

get converted to a full rake: single unloading line with direct reception and despatch of trains for traffic of all commodities, including cement.

(b) Railways have received representations both for and against the proposed arrangements for full rake Goods Shed at Tiruvalla. The Railway Residents Association/Tiruvalla, Pathanamthitta District Railway Passenger Action Council, Tiruvalla Medical Mission, etc. represented against the proposed arrangements. At the same time, Kerala State Merchants and Industrialists (Area Committee, Tiruvalla), Railway Clearing and Forwarding Agents Association (Tiruvalla unit), Labour Union and CITU Taluk Union/Tiruvalla etc represented for provision of full rake handling facilities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Tiruvalla Railway station and attached goods shed is the only one station and goods shed in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala. No railway land is available nearby Tiruvalla station to develop Goods shed facility in Pathanamthitta district.

Condition of train coaches in Kerala

2617. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the passenger trains plying in Kerala run with insufficient number of coaches, resulting in crowded compartments and huge demand for reservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the long-distance trains passing through Kerala, quite a large number of old and worn out coaches are still being used;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the year-wise details of allotment of new coaches in the inter-State trains passing through Kerala during past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Indian Railways do not run passenger trains on State/Region-wise basis as railway network run across State boundaries. However, Coaches are attached in passenger trains keeping in view the operational feasibility, commercial viability, traffic justification and availability of resources.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Only Coaches which are fit for run in all respects are attached in trains.

(e) Allotment of coaches is not done state-wise.