

(a) whether Government of Kerala have suggested the construction of certain new railway lines in the State with a view to developing the hill districts of Kerala ;

(b) if so, the details of the lines proposed ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of the following new lines have been asked for :

- (i) Cochin-Madurai.
- (ii) Kottayam-Bodinayakanur.
- (iii) Chengannur-Trivandrum.
- (iv) Kuttipuram-Guruvayor-Trichur.
- (v) Tellicherry-Mysore.

(c) *Cochin-Madurai and Kottayam-Bodinayakanur* :

A survey for conversion/construction of a B.G. line between Madurai-Bodinayakanur-Cochin is an advanced stage of progress.

Chengannur-Trivandrum :

Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for doubling of B.G. line between Chengannur-Kayamkulam to Trivandrum Central is also in progress. The request for the construction of a line between Chengannur and Trivandrum *via* Pandalam, Adoor, Kottarakkara,

Ayoor, Kilimannoor, Vembayam and Nedumangadu will also be kept in view.

Kuttipuram-Guruvayor-Trichur and Tellicherry-Mysore :

In view of the severe constraint of resources there is no proposal to take up construction of these lines at this stage.

Central Scheme for Rehabilitation and Training of Distressed Women

270. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the Central Schemes under implementation in different States for the rehabilitation and training of distressed women ; and

(b) the details of the allocation made and programmes implemented in Orissa under those Central Schemes in last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) and (b). There is a Centrally Sponsored scheme known as 'Scheme of Assistance for setting up women. Training Centres, Institutes for rehabilitation of Women in Distress', State/Union-Territory-wise allocations are not made under the scheme. Grants are given on the basis of applications received from the voluntary organisations. Details of the programme implemented in Orissa during the last three years are given below :

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Courses sanctioned	Number of Women to be trained	Amount released to State Govt. of Orissa, as Central Govt.'s share of 45%
1.	1981-82	2	60	Rs. 40,535
2.	1982-83	4	120	Rs. 66,420
3.	1983-84	—	—	—