

3.	1RJ/2RJ	Rohan-Jalandhar City Passenger
4.	9JH/10JH	Hoshiarpur-Jalandhar Passenger
5.	1ABP/6ABP	Amritsar-Pathankot Passenger
6.	1NJ	Nawashahrdoaba-Jalandhar Passenger
7.	1ABQ	Amritsar-Qadian Passenger
8.	2ABQ	Amritsar-Qadian (cancelled between Batala and Amritsar)
9.	6AK	Amritsar-Khemkaran Passenger
10.	5LL	Ludhiana-Lohian Khas Passenger
11.	1JNL/2JNL	Jalandhar-Ludhiana Passenger (cancelled between Ludhiana and Lohian Khas)

North Eastern Railway

1.	103/104	Kasganj-Kashipur Passenger (cancelled between Lalkua and Kashipur)
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Electric Locomotives

*169. SHRI AMAL DATTA:

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have floated a global tender for 50 electric locomotives of 3900 h.p. capacity.

(b) if so, the number of foreign/Indian units that have responded to the said tender;

(c) whether this particular technology has virtually become obsolete; and

(d) if so, the reasons for opting for such type of locomotives ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a budgetary offer has been invited from Indian manufactur-

ers for two different slabs of 25 and 50 locomotives of 3900 h.p. capacity with tap changer control or with thyristor converters to explore the possibility of supplementing the fleet of hire-purchase basis. Two Indian manufacturers viz BHEL and Crompton Greaves have responded.

(c) and (d) Tap changer technology is being used in this design of locomotives currently manufactured at CLW and BHEL. This technology is of 1960 vintage & is currently in use in this country. The locomotives of this type can become available quickly to meet the immediate requirements of Indian Railways.

Edible Oil

*170. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of edible oil have increased and likely to increase more in the coming months due to delay in the reimbursement of Market Intervention Operation losses by the Government;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check the rise in prices of edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no relation between the reimbursement of losses to NDDB and the market prices of edible oils. The market prices of edible oils are basically a function of the demand-supply equation.

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to check the rise in prices of edible oils are:—

(a) Reduction of the stock holding limits of producers, manufacturers and dealers of oilseeds and edible oils;

(b) Increase in the minimum margin money on the bank advances against oilseeds and vegetable oils by 15% point across the board by RBI w.e.f. 12th October, 1993.

(c) Government's decision to import up to 1 lakh tonne of Palmolein oil for PDS out of which 42,000 MTs. have already arrived.

(d) Arrival of USAID soyabean oil.

[*Translation*]

Electric Locomotives

*171. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electric locomotives having capacity of 5000 h.p. manufactured at Chittaranjan locomotive works during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether indigenous technology has been used in manufacturing these locomotives;

(c) if not, the ratio of indigenous and foreign technology used therein;

(d) the production target fixed for these locomotives during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) One in 1991-92 and Five in 1992-93

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Twenty.

[*English*]

Preservation of Coral Reefs

*172. PROF. UMMA REDDY VENKATESWARLU:

SHRI MOHAN SINGH
(DEORIA):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coral reefs around the Indian coast are on the verge of extinction;

(b) whether the Government have undertaken any study of the country's wetlands, mangroves and coral reefs;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and