

Airlines, but no detailed offers have been received.

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Rail-cum-Road Reservation Centres in Hilly Areas of U.P.

9819. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail -cum-road reservation centres have been opened in remote hilly areas for the convenience of passengers;

(b) if so, whether such reservation centres are proposed to be opened at Lansedowne, Gopeshwar, Karnprayag, Joshimath, Chankhutia, Bageshwar, Lohaghat, Dharchula, Rudraprayag and Narendra Nagar in the near future; and

(c) if so, when the sanction is likely to be granted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Booking and reservation centres of Lansedowne, Gopeshwar, Karnprayag, Joshimath, Rudraprayag and Narendra Nagar could not be opened earlier for want of a suitable contractor. However, recently the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have recommend Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam, Dehradun, and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam, Nainital, (both U.P. Government Undertakings) for organising these agencies in the hilly areas. Although out agencies with goods booking facilities are functioning at Bageshwar and Lohaghat,

no passenger booking facilities are available at these places. There is no justification for opening any out agency/passenger booking reservation centre at Chankhutia and Dharchula.

Power Shortage in Rajasthan

9820. SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be about 35 per cent power shortage in Rajasthan by the end of Eighth Plan; and

(b) whether Rajasthan Government had sent proposals for setting up of Thermal Power Stations in Dholpur, Suratgarh, Madalgarh and Chitturgarh; and

(c) if so, the time by which are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The overall energy shortage in the State of Rajasthan is estimated be of the over of 34.9% at the end of the 8th Plan with an envisaged capacity addition programme of 38,369 MW in the country.

(b) and (c). The details of the projects received from Rajasthan and their present status is contained in statement given below.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Project and Capacity	Present Status
1	2	3
1.	Suratgarh 2 x 210 MW	This project is under consideration in CEA with other appraising agencies and could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the coal-linkage is tied up.
2.	Dholpur 3 x 210 MW	The Department of Environment of rejected the proposed site as it was likely to have adverse effect on environment and on Taj Mahal. The RSEB was accordingly informed to locate an alternative site and submit a revised project report which is still awaited.
3.	Mandalgarh 3 x 210 MW	The RSEB has to carry out further investigations to tie-up water and other inputs. They have, accordingly, been advised to send revised
4.	Chittorgarh 2 x 210 MW	Project Reports after tying up the necessary inputs. The Revised reports are still awaited.