

Derailment of Inter-City Express

427. SHRI RATILAL VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was an incident of derailment of ten bogies of Inter-city Express near Hadmatiya Railway Station in the Rajkot Division of the Western Railways ;

(b) if so, the main causes of the derailment ;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into this incident ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir. On 04.10.95, 10 coaches of Intercity Express derailed at Hadmatiya station of Rajkot division on Western Railway.

(b) The cause of derailment was due to slack gauge (loose fittings and old sleepers).

(c) to (e). An enquiry was conducted by a Committee of Officers who has held two permanent Way Inspectors of Rajkot responsible for this accident who have been placed under suspension.

Action under Discipline and Appeal Rules against the defaulting staff is under process by the Railway Administration.

Harnessing of Non-conventional energy sources in Gujarat

428. SHRI HARILAL NANJI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked during the Eighth Plan period for non-conventional energy sources in Gujarat ;

(b) the amount provided / spent during the Plan period so far, year-wise ; and

(c) the power likely to be generated there from and the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Sir, no State-wise funds, including for the State

of Gujarat, have been earmarked for non-conventional energy sources during the Eighth Plan period. The funds are provided under different programmes of the Ministry on yearly basis based on the proposals received from the States.

(b) The year-wise amount spent by the central Government during Eighth Plan period so far for Gujarat is :

Year	Rs. (in crores) (Approximate)
1992-93	13.16
1993-94	17.42
1994-95	12.34
1995-96 (till October, 95)	0.95

(c) Wind Power Projects of an aggregate capacity of 77.5 MW have been set up in the Gujarat. These wind generators have supplied 151 million units of power to the grid. Besides this 1 small hydro project of 2 MW capacity, 1100 solar lanterns, 370 solar domestic lights, 346 solar street lights, 51 solar community lights and 3 solar photovoltaics power plants (aggregate capacity 14 Kwp) and 250 biomass gasifier have also been installed.

Doubling of Railway Line

429. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the amount spent so far on doubling work of Quilon-Trivandrum Railway line out of the allotted amount of Rs. 15 crore during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : The details of expenditure incurred so far on this work since 1.4.95 till date is as under :-

(I) Civil Engg. Works	1.08 crs.
(II) S&T Works	0.36 crs.
(III) Electrical Works	0.35 crs.
(IV) Establishment and other works	0.22 crs.
	2.01 crs.
land debts expected from Kerala Government	4crs (approximate)