

UNECONOMIC RAILWAY LINES

1085. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the uneconomic railway lines and taken a decision to close them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per financial review of branch lines, 146 branch lines have been identified as uneconomic during the year 1989-90. The policy is to consider closure of those uneconomic branch lines only where adequate alternative means of transport exist.

PERFORMANCE OF ONGC

1086. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
(i) Output of crude oil (MMT)	29.638	31.99	30.345
(ii) Gross profit (before exchange loss, interest and tax) (Rs./crores)	2658	2363	1772
(iii) Net Profit (Rs./crores)	1602	1624	1048

(c) Decline of profits has resulted from higher expenditure on account of exchange loss, cost of dry wells written off, operational expenditure and depreciation depletion.

(d) The working of ONGC is monitored in the Ministry on a regular basis.

(e) All efforts are being made to optimise production.

GAS BASED POWER PROJECT IN KERALA

1087. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been made by the Kerala State Electricity Board to

(a) the total outlay of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) the total output and gross profit as well as net profit earned during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for sharp decline in profit;

(d) the steps, the Government propose to take to streamline the working of the ONGC; and

(e) the steps being taken to fulfil the targets of production and the likely profit to be earned this year ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The outlay of the ONGC for the year 1991-92 is Rs. 3095.74 crores.

(b) The particulars are given below :

run 1,200 MW Power Station through a Southern Gas Grid; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

REQUIREMENT OF DISEL FOR THERMAL POWER PLANTS IN KERALA

1088. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirement and the quantum of allocation of low grade FO,