

## AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the policy with regard to providing electricity connections in unauthorised and authorised colonies in Delhi; and

(b) when the electricity development charges were increased and the criteria thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Electrification of any colony is the responsibility of the concerned colonising agency. DESU carries out the electrification of an approved/authorised colony on the specific request of the concerned colonising agency against payment of 50 per cent of the estimated cost of electrification and 100 per cent cost of street lighting, besides handing over the sub-station site(s) to DESU free of cost. Only those unauthorised colonies which were in existence upto 1-1-81 are eligible for electrification, subject to the certification by the Town Planner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The scheme for electrification of such unauthorised colonies is released by DESU after the prescribed development charges @ Rs. 24/- per sq. yard (Rs. 29.70 per sq. meter) are deposited by atleast 25 per cent of the plot holders and suitable land for the sub-station is also handed over to DESU.

(b) The rates of development charges have been revised with effect from 11-4-1991 to partly neutralise the cost escalation since the earlier rates were fixed in June/July, 1985.

## CONVERSION OF RAILWAY LINES IN RAJASHTAN

978. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the national average growth of railway lines vis-a-vis growth of railway lines in Rajasthan;

(b) the names of the railway sections in respect of which the Government of Rajasthan has recommended to convert them from metre-gauge into broad-gauge lines and since when this demand has been pending with the Union Government; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to start the work in order to remove the backwardness in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Average growth of railway lines in Rajasthan from 31-3-61 to 31-3-1990 is 9.12 per cent as against the national growth rate of 10.6 per cent for the same period.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan demanded conversion of the following two lines :—

1. Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur in April, 1988.
2. Delhi-Ahmedabad in April, 1988.

(c) The work on conversion of Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur MG into BG line has already been taken up. The conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad MG line to BG cannot be taken up at present due to constraint of resources.

[English]

## USE OF AIRBUS A-320

979. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the airbus A-320 have been included in the flights;

(b) if not, the number of airbus being used and number thereof lying idle; and

(c) the reasons for not using the idle ones ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) At present, except for the two A-320 aircraft

which are undergoing 'C' checks, all the other 16 aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are available for operations. These aircraft are being roated and because of shortage of pilots, any 12 of them are flying on scheduled services every day.

#### NEWS-ITEM : GOVERNMENT ENDS BAN ON SUMITOMO

980. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government ends ban on Sumitomo" appearing in the Indian Express dated 12 April, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) when the ban was removed and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) to (c) Orders issued to Public Sector Undertakings under the then Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals in December, 1989, not to give further business to the consortium of Japanese companies which functioned under the name of M/s. Sumitomo Corporation. These orders were withdrawn in May, 1991 after agreements between M/s. Sumitomo Corporation and ONGC/GAIL to refer their contractual dispute to arbitration.

#### WORKING OF REFINERY PROJECTS

981. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to examine the working of various refinery projects as they are incurring huge deficits; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) The refineries are not incurring huge deficits.

(b) Does not arise.

#### KANDLA-BHATINDA PIPELINE PROJECT

982. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the present stage of the Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline project;

(b) whether the Government are facing any difficulties in completion/commissioning of the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the curative steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND) : (a) The project has been approved by the Government on 29-8-1990. Work relating to acquisition of land, acquisition of right of way for the pipeline, appointment of backup consultants, technical evaluation of offers for composite works contract and yard coating is in progress and global tender for pipeline has been floated.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

983. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated plans to step up crude oil production;

(b) if so, the details and the targets fixed and the amount to be spent thereon;

(c) whether the targets are to be fixed by altering the existing level of production ratio; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?