

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to promote cooperation between India and Nepal for tapping hydro-power resources of the Himalayan rivers, the two countries have set up a Sub-Commission on Water Resources at Secretary level. Two meetings of the Sub-Commission have been held so far. Various Committees like Committee on Karnali and Joint Group of Experts for Pancheswar Project have also been set up under the Sub-Commission for promoting various hydro-power projects.

(c) Does not arise.

#### POWER GENERATION IN BUNDELKHAND REGION

892. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to generate power in Bundelkhand region;

(b) if so, whether adequate natural resources for this purpose are available; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### [Translation]

#### EXTRACTION OF COAL

893. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of coal extracted from various coal mines in Madhya Pradesh during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) the amount of royalty given to the Madhya Pradesh Government and the rate thereof; and

(c) the amount of royalty being given to the Bihar Government on coal production during the period and the rates thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NAYAMACOUDA) : (a) Coal production from various coal mines in Madhya Pradesh during 1989-90 & 1990-91 was 59.79 m.t. and 65.24 m.t. (Provisional) respectively.

(b) and (c) The rates of royalty on coal are same for the States of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. The rates however vary according to grade of coal. The average rate of royalty on coal is Rs. 5.30 per tonne. The amount of royalty paid to Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Bihar during 1989-90 and 1990-91 were as under :--

| States         | Royalty paid (Rs. crores) |         |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------|
|                | 1989-90                   | 1990-91 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 23.03                     | 26.36   |
| Bihar          | 27.93                     | 28.99   |

#### DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS IN AURANGABAD

894. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE :

SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government for the development of Ajanta, Ellora and Daulatabad tourist spots in Aurangabad;

(b) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the amount of financial assistance proposed to be given;

(c) the progress, if any, made in this regard so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) :** (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A project proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for the development of tourist spots in the Aurangabad district. The proposal has been posed to the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan and is under their consideration.

[*English*]

**PRIVATISATION OF POWER GENERATION IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

895. **SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI :** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any private companies have approached the Government of Himachal Pradesh to set up hydel power projects in the State;

(b) if so whether their proposals have been considered and sanction accorded to any of their schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to give any subsidies to such companies in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) :** (a) to (c) Yes, a total of 45 private sector companies/industries have approached Himachal Pradesh Government to set up Hydel Pro-

jects in H. P. The proposals are under consideration of the Himachal Pradesh Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**PROCUREMENT OF WAGONS**

896. **SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The unit-wise wagon manufacturing capacity in the Public and Private Sectors and present in the country, separately and the extent to which this capacity was actually utilised during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) the percentage of purchase orders of wagons likely to be placed with the Public Sector Units; and

(c) the unit-wise number of wagons for which purchase orders are likely to be placed with Public and Private Sectors ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :** (a) A statement is attached.

(b) For 1991-92, orders have been placed planning off-take of 55% of the total on the Public Sector Units.

(c) Out of 25,120 wagons in terms of Four Wheelers targetted for production during 1991-92, 23,840 are planned for manufacture by the Industry and the balance 1280 by the Railway Workshops. Public and Private Sector Units have been allocated a total 13112 (55%) and 10728 (45%) wagons in terms of Four Wheelers, respectively.