Neither Ministry of Coal nor Coal India Ltd. issue any coal permits. Any requests received for release of coal are dealt with and disposed of according to the procedures laid down by Sales Policy Committee of Coal India Ltd. The grade of coal supplied to various parties depends upon the requirements of consumers and availability of particular grades.

Appointment of General Sales Agents by Indian Airlines

167. SHRI S. B. SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of General Sales Agents or Selling Agencies appointed by the Indian Airlines in the last 18 months; and

(b) the criteria of appointing such General Sales Agent/Agents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Indian Airlines does not appoint General Sales Agents. After 1-1-1990 it has appointed 154 Passenger Agents and 22 Cargo Agents in different parts of the country.

(b) The criteria for appointment of Passenger/Cargo Agents are:

(i) For the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad, the applicant agents should have IATA approval.

(ii) The applicant agent should have suitable premises, at least 2 staff capable of issuing IA documents, sufficient security arrangements and some prior experience in air transportation business for stations other than mentioned at (i) above.

(iii) All applicant agents are required to be financially sound.

(iv) Commercial need of Indian Airlines for more agency representation at a particular station.

Power Supply in Capital

168. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

SHRI M. V. CHANDRAPRASAD:

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHRA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deficiencies in the working of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking pointed out by the task force set up by the Union Government; and

(b) the steps taken to remove the deficiencies for improving the power supply position in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Central Government has established a Task Force to periodically review the power supply position in Delhi and the measures necessary for meeting the same. In one of the recent meetings, the Task Force had suggested expeditious construction of various 220KV transmission lines, early restoration of the three damaged gas Turbine Units, synchronisation of one unit of Rajghat Power House and installation of adequate
shunt capacitors to maintain satisfactory voltage levels by DESU.

(b) DESU has already initiated action for the repairs of the gas turbines. The Unit No. 2 Rajghat has already been repaired and is expected to function shortly. DESU has also placed orders for 210 MVAR capacitors with M/s. BHEL.

[Translation]

Expansion of Platforms

169. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations where platforms are proposed to be expanded during 1991; and

(b) the names of such railway stations on metre gauge and broad gauge line in Uttar Pradesh and the details of such works being undertaken there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 238 platforms on all Indian Railways are proposed to be expanded during this year, subject to availability of funds.

(b) On B.G. system in Uttar Pradesh, one platform each is proposed to be extended at Muzaffarnagar, Tundla, Aligarh, Allahabad, Sultanpur, Lucknow, Aulenda and Singarpur and two platforms are proposed to be extended at Saidraja. As regards M. G. system, work for conversion of one M. G. platform into B. G. at Kanpur has been taken up.

Starting of Train from Hathras Qilah to Delhi

170. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start a train from Hathras Qilah to Delhi; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Petroleum Products to Uttar Pradesh

171. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of petrol, diesel and kerosene supplied to Uttar Pradesh during the last two months;

(b) whether the Government proposed to meet the shortage of these items in the state:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)

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