

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accumulated losses of Vayudoot up to 31st March, 1991 are estimated to be of the order of Rs. 128 crores. The major reasons for the losses are: Short-haul nature of the operations, obsolete and un-economic fleet, unremunerative fare structure.

(c) and (d) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot. No final decision has been taken in the matter.

Railway Lines in Marathwada

*322. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set during 1990-91 for the construction of railway lines covering Marathwada;

(b) whether the target has been fully achieved; and

(c) the details of the plan for construction and conversion of railway lines in the area during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No target was set for opening of lines covering Marathwada during 1990-91.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad MG to BG and construction of Adilabad-Pimpalkutti (Partly in Andhra Pradesh) are targetted for opening in 1991-92 in the Marathwada region.

Power Plants in Kerala

*323. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a diesel based power station

at Brahmapuram and a gas based power station at Vypeen, Cochin in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) A Feasibility Report for setting up of 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant at Brahmapuram envisaging installation of 2 × 30 MW Gas Turbine + 1 × 30 MW Steam Turbine based on the LSHS or Gas as fuel at an estimated cost of Rs. 106.66 crores was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in April, 1989 from the State Electricity Board. The proposal can be processed by the CEA for techno-economic clearance after the fuel linkage is confirmed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, other requisite inputs are tied up and necessary clearances are obtained by the State Electricity Board.

NTPC examined the possibility of putting up a Liquefied Natural Gas based power station at Vypeen (Cochin). Gas linkage is not available for setting up this Power Station.

[Translation]

Rural Electrification of Jahanabad District in Bihar

*324. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in Jahanabad district in Bihar;

(b) the time by which the rest of the villages are likely to be electrified;

(c) the details of the allocation likely to be made during the Eighth Five Year Plan, village-wise;

(d) whether any increase in this allocation is likely to be made; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per the available information, out of the 870 inhabited villages in Jahanabad district, as per 1981 census, 744 villages have been electrified by the end of March, 1991.

(b) to (e) District-wise electrification programme is finalised at the State level, based on the availability of funds and relative priority fixed by the State Government. Overall targets for electrification in respect of Bihar during Eighth Plan period has not yet been finalised.

Oil and Natural Gas Reserves in Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) whether huge reserves of oil and natural gas have been found in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places where oil has been struck?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Transfer of Waltair Division

1726. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to transfer the Waltair Division from South Eastern Zone to South Central Zone; and

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made any request in this regard; and if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

However, in view of operational and administrative imperatives, the transfer of Waltair Division from South Eastern Railway to South Central Railway has not been found to be feasible.

Vayudoot Service to Assam

1727. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any air service for the two hill districts of Karbi Anglong and N.C. Hills of Assam;

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to link these two districts with the rest of the country by Helicopter or Vayudoot service in the first phase; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway/Projects in Balasore

1728. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: the details of works completed and