

Availability of Natural Gas

1813. SHRI VISHWESHVAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the State-wise distribution of available natural gas at present?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The State-wise average supply of natural gas during the year 1990-91 was as follows:

(MMSCMD)

Gujarat	3.763
Assam	2.544
Tripura	0.192
Andhra Pradesh	0.113
Tamil Nadu	0.023
Maharashtra	14.833
Madhya Pradesh	1.627
Rajasthan	1.146
Uttar Pradesh	4.480
Delhi	0.490
	29.211

Rail Link from Hazipur to Sugauli in Bihar

1814. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay a branch line from Hazipur to Sugauli via Vaishali, Sahibganj, Kesira, Gobindganj, Pahadpur and Harsidhi;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Modernisation of Akola Railway Station (S.R.)

1815. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Akola Railway station on Central Railway is being modernised;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the nature of modernisation;

(d) the amount spent thereon so far; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for speeding up the modernisation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 82.18 lakh.

(c) The modernisation scheme provides for additional cover over platforms, improvement to circulating area, improvements to the station building, provision of additional foot-over-bridge, new booking-cum-reservation office, provision of additional seating arrangements and shelter for licensed porters.

(d) Rs. 48.64 lakh.

(e) All works proposed to be taken up are progressing as per schedule and certain works have been completed. Remaining works are expected to be completed by 1993 subject to availability of funds.

[English]

Konkan Type Railway Projects

1816. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start projects like Konkan Railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the States to be connected by those rail projects?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Railway Lines in Haryana

1817. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana have sent some schemes to the Union Government to lay new rail lines in Haryana.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following proposals for new B.G. railway lines have been received from the State Government of Haryana:

1. Rohtak to Hissar via Jind
2. Jagadhri to Chandigarh
3. Bhiwani to Bhatinda
4. Jakhal to Hanumangarh via Uklana, Bhuna, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Rania and Ellenabad
5. Bahadurgarh-Jhajjar
6. Khurja-Palwal-Rewari-Rohtak

(c) Survey for new lines from Rohtak to Hissar (via Jind) and Jagadhri to Chandigarh have already been ordered.

Bhiwani and Bhatinda are directly connected by M.G. and also by B.G. via Rohtak.

The lines at items (3), (4) and (5) above cannot be considered for the present due to constraint of resources.

Item (6) is the proposed National Capital Region line. It has not been possible to take up the work on this line for want of funds.

Power Position in Madhya Pradesh

1818. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of electricity in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the shortage is likely to continue by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to tide over the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the month of June, 1991, the Energy Shortage in Madhya Pradesh was 3.9%.

(b) The 8th Plan has not been finalised so far by the Planning Commission.

(c) Various measures being taken to improve the power availability in Madhya Pradesh include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T & D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.