

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) While 1SR, 2SR and 4SRM have been suspended, 3 SRM has been rescheduled.

(b) Due to extremely poor patronisation.

(c) Not for the present.

(d) Does not arise.

Conversion of Bihar Fatuha-Islampur Rail Line

3461. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of metre gauge railway lines in Bihar which have either been taken over by the Government or have been closed during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) the number and names of the lines out of them which have been converted into broad gauge lines and are operational;

(c) whether the Government propose to convert the remaining lines including Fatuha-Islampur line into broad-gauge; and

(d) if so, the details of targets fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No other Railway line in Bihar, except Fatuha-Islampur narrow-gauge railway line which was nationalised in terms of an Act of Parliament of 1985, was closed down during Seventh Plan period.

(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Revenue from Price rise of Petroleum products

3462. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the total profit likely to be earned by the Government by raising the prices of petroleum products in the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM

AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Additional receipts on account of revision in prices will depend on the actual consumption of petroleum products during the year.

[English]

Production of crude Oil by ONGC

3463. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present crude oil production by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC);

(b) whether the present production is according to the targets fixed;

(c) the targets fixed for 1991-92; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) ONGC's crude oil production during the quarter April to June, 1991 was around 7.35 million tonnes.

(b) to (d) The revised figures of estimated crude oil production for 1991-92 are yet to be finalised.

Development of Indian Islands for Foreign Tourists

3464. SHRI VISHWANATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop Indian islands for exclusive foreign tourists to earn higher foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government proposes to develop island tourism with a view to augment foreign exchange earnings. However, Island Tourism will be available to both foreign and domestic tourists.

Platforms at Tenali Station (Guntur)

3465. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to construct new platforms and to extend

the existing ones on Tenali station (Guntur district) in view of a large number of trains passing through it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

LPG agencies in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

3466. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allot LPG agencies to all the tehsil headquarters in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to give preference to women cooperative societies in allotting such agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Overbridge at Hathras

3467. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a fly over bridge at Hathras junction railway crossing in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which the construction work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Railway have received a proposal for construction of road-overbridge in replacement of level crossing No. 95A near Hathras Junction. After the State Government acquires the necessary land and accords high priority for the work, the Railway will consider its inclusion in their future Works Programme.

[English]

Functioning of Railways

3468. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Touts Flourish, trains flounder" appearing in the "Times of India" dated June, 11, 1991;

(b) if so, whether complaints regarding corruption in reservation of tickets, late running, lack of drinking water and decline in the level of catering in trains have been received, if so, the number of such complaints; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government to provide better rail service facilities to the passengers and to improved its functioning and earnings?

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

(b) On an average about 40 complaints pertaining to various subjects are received per month in the Ministry.

(c) The effort to improve services and financial position is a continuous on going all embracing process.

[Translation]

Ticketless travelling

3469. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers arrested for travelling without ticket during 1990, and upto June, 1991 zone-wise;

(b) the details of the amount collected from them as fine; and

(c) the number of persons given punishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The number of persons prosecuted, jailed and the amount of judicial fine realised during the period from January 1990 to June 1991 were as under:—