

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

#### **Promotion of Tourism in Eighth Plan**

4530. **SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the strategies adopted to promote tourism in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether master plans have been prepared for every State and Union territory to promote tourism; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry does not prepare such plans.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Vayudoot Service in Maharashtra**

4531. **SHRI ANNA JOSHI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to review the functioning of Vayudoot services in the country in general and Maharashtra in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) to (c) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. Various options are under consideration of the Government regarding the future set up of Vayudoot.

#### **Appointment of Traffic Assistants in Air India**

4532. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether an interview was held in December 1990 for Traffic Assistants in the Air India (Delhi region) and a panel of successful candidates formed;

(b) the number of candidates appointed from that panel and the number of persons appointed from Vayudoot services;

(c) whether the panel has been exhausted;

(d) if not, the reasons for outside appointments; and

(e) the time by which appointments are likely to be given to the remaining candidates on the panel?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Interview was held, but the panel report was not processed because of the ban imposed by the Government on fresh appointments.

(b) None so far either from the panel or from Vayudoot.

(c) As stated above, the panel report has not been processed.

(d) Government has directed the airline to consider selection of suitable employees from Vayudoot.

(e) Does not arise.

*[Translation]*

**LPG Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail outlets in Bihar**

4533. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the agencies of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies are likely to be opened at Jale and Bhavada in Darbhanga district and at Benipatti, Jainagar and Jhanjharpur of Madhubani district;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Sufficient potential has not been established at these locations for opening a viable retail outlet dealership or an LPG distributorship at present.

**Prices of Petrol and Diesel**

4534. SHRI S. N. VEKARIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing rates of petrol and diesel in major cities of the country

and the reasons for differences in the prices;

(b) whether the rates of petrol and diesel are highest in Gujarat, particularly, in Rajkot; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to bring uniformity in these rates?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Prices of Petrol and Diesel in four major cities are given in the Statement enclosed. Price of Petrol at Rajkot is amongst the highest. Prices vary because of freight, local levies etc. Prices are uniform ex-storage point.

**STATEMENT**

**Retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in four Major cities.**

	Rs./litre	
	Petrol (MS 87)	Diesel (HSD)
Bombay	16.40	5.62
Calcutta	15.18	5.21
Delhi	14.62	5.05
Madras	16.53	5.42

*[English]*

**Manufacture of EMU Rakes**

4535. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture and supply more EMU rakes to Madras to cater to the growing suburban traffic there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?