

(b) the time by which the remaining villages are likely to be electrified; and

(c) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during 1991-92 in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Karnataka State Electricity Board has reported that the State reached cent percent electrification by the end of March, 1989. The total number of electrified villages in Karnataka comes to 26,483.

### Requirement of Power In Karnataka

6501. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state to the quantum of power supplied to Karnataka every year from the Central sector power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : The details of entitlement vis-a-vis the actual drawal of energy by Karnataka from the various Central Sector stations in the Southern Region during 1990-91 and the period April, 1991-August, 1991 are as under:-

*(All Figures in MU)*

	<i>April, 90 - March, 91</i>	<i>April, 91 - August, 91</i>
Entitlement	2467.6	1073
Actual drawal	2729.5	1071

### Modernisation of Power Plants in Karnataka

6502. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:(a) whether there is any proposal for the modernisation and renovation of power plants of Karnataka during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the proposed amount therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposed amount for renovation and Modernisation works for Hydrel Power Plants of Karnataka during 1991-92 is Rs. 48.54 crores.

### Level Crossings in Karnataka

6503. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the unmanned level crossings in Karnataka; and

(b) the action being taken to convert these level crossings into manned ones expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There are 1099 unmanned level crossings in Karnataka state.

(b) The Railways undertake manning of the unmanned level crossings only after a firm proposal for the same is sponsored buy the state Government/Local authority, duly

consenting to share/bear the cost thereof, as per rules. However, the railways on their own also have been undertaking manning of such of the unmanned level crossings, where warranted on account of traffic density of visibility considerations. Accordingly, 11 level crossings have been identified for manning during 1991-92.

[*Translation*]

### Supply of Wagons in Bihar

6504. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wagons supplied from Barkakana of Eastern Railway to Chhipadohar, Latehar, Richughuta, Tori, Mahuamilan, Ray and Khilari Station for piece meal loading;

(b) whether this supply has been stopped since March, 1991;

(c) whether Railways have decided that now piece meal loading will not be undertaken and in its place goods will be sent by rake; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (d) During the period March '91 demand for 2394 piecemeal wagons were met from these stations. 2306 wagons were moved by clubbing the supplies in block rakes and 88 wagons were loaded in piecemeal. Piecemeal loading has to be regulated frequently to meet the demand of movement of essential commodities like foodgrains, fertiliser, cement etc. in block rakes. Railways have not eschewed

piecemeal traffic as such. Due to heavy demand for loading of foodgrains, fertiliser, sugar, salt and other core sector traffic, piecemeal wagons are collected for formation of block rakes. Block rake movement ensures transportation of higher quantum of traffic at faster speeds thus meeting the requirement of essential commodities in all parts of the country.

### Catering Facilities at stations

6505. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the catering facility provided at railway stations is reviewed;

(b) Whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain that Public are satisfied with the present standard of catering; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for improvement in the catering system and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Regular/surprise checks are conducted by officers/inspectors of Zonal Railway during which requirement of passengers vis-a-vis, facilities available are reviewed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railways always strive to improve the quality of food and service. This is an ongoing and continuous process. Steps taken/proposed to be taken include use of standard raw materials, use of modern kitchen appliances, training to catering staff, frequent inspections, etc.