

(b) to (d). With a view to improve the quality of washed coking coal being supplied to the steel plants, Coal India Limited have undertaken major modification in most of the existing washeries. The modification is expected to be completed by 1992-93. With the implementation of modifications scheme the ash content in the coking coal is expected to come from existing level of 19.3% to 17.0 + 0.5%.

Grievance of LPG consumers

6391. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Oil Companies to deal with the grievances of LPG consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The oil companies are expected to deal with the grievances expeditiously.

Cancellation of Vayudoot services

6392. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot service between Bombay-Osmanabad-Solapur have been cancelled;

(b) if so, when these services are likely to be restored;

(c) whether there is any proposal to commence Vayudoot service between Latur and Bombay; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

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

(b) Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot Limited has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. It is not in a position to restore these services at the present moment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Due to heavy losses being sustained by it, the airlinking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present moment.

[*Translation*]

Rail Passes to Freedom Fighters

6393. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of freedom fighters to whom rail pass facility has been provided from January 1991 to August 1991, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Compensation to displaced persons of Deepika Coal Mine, Madhya Pradesh

6394. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the locations and names of the villages where land is being acquired for Deepika Coal Mine by the South Eastern Coalfield Limited, Korva in Madhya Pradesh and the area thereof;

(b) the number of persons being affected therefrom;

(c) whether the affected persons have been adequately compensated for their acquired land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) 1701.36 hectares of land was acquired in 10 villages named below, situated at about 20 kms. from Pali village and Korea town in District Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh).

1. Chainpur
2. Sirki
3. Beltikri
4. Dipka
5. Suwabhandi
6. Jhingatpur
7. Ratija
8. Jhabar
9. Malgaon
10. Banki

(b) 1443 families were affected.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A sum of Rs. 14 crores has been sanctioned as compensation for the the lands acquired. A sum of Rs. 8.02 crores has already ben disbursed and the disbursal of the balance is pending because of some disputes.

[English]

Faking of records of Dornier Aircraft

6395. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Engineering staff faking records" appearing in the Times of India dated March 15, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have enquired into the matter; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof, and the steps taken in this regards?

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

(b) to (d). The report of the Committee of Inquiry that investigated the crash of the Dornier aircraft of Vayudoot near Pune on 23 September, 1989 does not indicate that any record of the aircraft had been tampered with.

Small Hydel Power Projects

6396. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay emphasis on small hydel project in the Eighth Five Year Plan to cater to the needs of small States like Sikkim; and