

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) On an average approximately 31 MMSCMD of gas was utilised in the year 1990-91, mainly in the Power, Fertilizer and sponge iron Sectors.

(b) No gas is flared along the HBJ Pipeline. Currently approximately 9 MMSCMD of gas is utilised along the HBJ pipeline.

(c) The current optimum capacity is 18.2 MMSCMD. Gas has been allocated to three power plants and one Ethylene Cracker along the HBJ pipeline.

Loading of Coal in Madhya Pradesh

2985. **DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:** Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received requests from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for making provision of sufficient number of wagons for loading of coal; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). As per available records, the Ministry of Coal does not seem to have received any such request from Government of Madhya Pradesh. However, the Railway Board earmarks monthly wagon ceiling limits for movement of coal to various States. According to the information made available by Coal India Limited, the wagon ceiling limit for the State of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1991 has been increased by 166

Box wagons per month for steam coal consumers and 45 Box wagons for slack coal for industrial consumers over the year 1990 by the Railways.

Air Service to Neemach

2986. **DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide air service at Neemach city of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Capacity Utilisation of Refineries

2987. **DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present refining capacity of all the oil refineries in the country, refinery-wise; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to increase the refining capacity, and to set new plants for this purpose keeping in view the demand of petroleum products from 1990 to 1995?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)

STATEMENT

(a) Refining capacity in the country

Location of Refinery	Capacity (in MTPA)
1	2
Guwahati	0.85
Barauni	3.30
Koyali	9.50
Haldia	2.75
Mathura	7.50
Digboi	0.50
Bombay	
(i) HPCL	5.50
(ii) BPCL	6.00
Visakh	4.50

<i>Location of Refinery</i>	<i>Capacity (in MTPA)</i>
1	2
Madras	5.60
Cochin	4.50
Bongaigaon	1.35
Total	51.85

(b) *Additional refining capacity is being created by expansion/debottlenecking of existing refineries. New refinery projects at Mangalore, Narimanam, Karnal and Numaligarh are at various stages of approval/implementation.*

[English]

Promoting Tourism In South-Asian Countries

2988. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been prepared to encourage and promote travel and tourism in the South Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether incentives are proposed to be given to domestic tourists in regard to their travel and stay abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Promotion of tourism within the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has been identified as an area of cooperation. A Technical Committee on Tourism has been recently constituted by the SAARC member countries, which would inter-alia promote tourism within the SAARC countries. Concessional tariff is being offered by the national airlines of member countries to promote tourism within the SAARC region.

Release of advertisements to Magazines etc. by Public Undertakings

2989. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of public sector undertakings under his ministry have released advertisements to a number of magazines, newspapers and periodicals etc. on the eve of Pt. Nehru's Centenary Celebration during 1989-90;

(b) if so, the details of the advertisements released by each of the undertakings with particulars of advertising agency thereof;

(c) whether the amount spent on the advertisements of Pt. Nehru's Birth Centenary Celebrations by the undertakings has been from the sanctioned and approved 'advertising budget' of the concerned undertakings; and

(d) the total quantum of approved advertising budget of each of the undertakings during the last three years and the details of policy for the release of the advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Details are given in the attached statement-I

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of approved advertising budget are given in the attached statement-II. The Public Sector Undertakings keep a panel of advertising agencies and the release of advertisements is need based and is guided by the marketing objectives.