

[*Translation*]**Availability of Coal**

2789. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI:  
SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN  
MANI TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity in metric tonnes of pure coal as per the prescribed quantity and specifications available as on 15.7.1991 in the B.C.C.L. and the C.C.L. of Coal India Limited;

(b) the extent of stocks at each of the mines; and

(c) the grades of coal stocks at each of the mines; and its gradewise total value?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]**Declining Production of Crude Oil**

2790. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of domestic crude oil production from January to June, 1991, month-wise,

(b) if there is a decline, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent by which the decline will effect the Balance of Payment position at the present price level?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The monthwise production was as follows:

Month	(MMT)
January, 1991	2,883
February, 1991	2,571
March, 1991	2,896
April, 1991	2,666
May, 1991	2,742
June, 1991	2,619

(b) and (c). Reservoir conditions are the main factors affecting production from existing fields. The additional requirement for foreign exchange would depend on the actual additional imports that would take place.

**Harnessing of Sea Wave**

2791. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to generate power from Sea Wave;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether any experiment is proposed to be made in the Bay of Bengal particularly at Gopalpur in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the amount likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). An experimental 150 KW

maximum rating Wave Power Research & Development project is being set up by IIT Madras off Kerala Coast with a view to develop indigenous technology and examine its techno-economic viability. The project is estimated to cost approx. Rs. 2 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Carriage with Train Between Nadiad-Kapadvanj**

2792. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the carriage with train running between Nadiad-Kapadvanj; and

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

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Replacement of Steam Locomotives on N.G. Section in Gujarat**

2793. DR. K. D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that on account of bad coal supply and irregular maintenance of steam engines at N.G. Section (Gujarat), replacement of steam engines by diesel engines are a dire necessity;

(b) if so, when the necessary action in this regard will be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Railways on account of operational necessities, for increasing efficiency and bringing about economy, have decided to replace all N.G. steam locomotives by the end of VIII Five Year Plan period. This will, however, be done in phases & depends on availability of funds for manufacture of diesel engines in Railway Production Units.

[Translation]

#### **New Train Between New Delhi and Pathankot**

2794. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to introduce a new train between New Delhi and Pathankot or to extend any present train upto Pathankot;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The demands received in this regard were examined but not found feasible of implementation due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

[English]

#### **Obsolete/Surplus Items in Various Units Divisions of ITDC**

2795. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how the optimum level of inventory