

areas of the city and are attracting investors;  
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The 3 ITDC hotels namely  
Ranjit, Janpath and Lodhi are located in New  
Delhi. In respect of Janpath and Ranjit, for-  
eign investors have evinced interest for in-  
vestment.

### **New Airstrips in Uttar Pradesh**

2832. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR  
SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-  
TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar  
Pradesh has sent proposals for construction  
of airstrips in various places in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
action taken thereon; and

(c) the norms for the construction of air  
strips?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The traffic potential, commercial  
viability of the operations, availability of re-  
sources and their deployment, fleet availa-  
bility and plan of operation of scheduled  
airlines, and other such factors determine  
the possibility of a new airport being taken up  
for construction.

### **Production of coal**

2833. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the  
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal production has  
declined during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is deterioration in the  
Coal distribution system; and

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been  
ordered into it and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA-  
GOUDA): (a) and (b). The coal production in  
the country during 1990-91 was 211.73 mil-  
lion tonnes. It was 10.84 million tonnes higher  
than the coal production in previous year.

(c) No, Sir. The coal despatches to  
various sectors during 1990-91 increased by  
8.46 million tonnes over the previous year.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

### **Prices of Petroleum Products**

2834. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the prices per litre of diesel and  
petrol prevailing in July, 1990 and the prices  
as on July, 1991; and

(b) the total additional amount spent on  
diesel and petrol during the last one year due  
to this increase in the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-  
ANAND): (a) and (b). The prices of diesel

and petrol are given below. The prices being administered, are not necessarily related to

the cost of production only.

<i>Product</i>	<i>ex-storage point price</i> <i>(Rs./litre)</i>		
	<i>July 1990</i>	<i>before</i> <i>25.7.91</i>	<i>after</i> <i>25.7.91</i>
Diesel	3.64	4.55	4.55
Petrol (MS87)	8.95	11.18	13.42

### Conversion of Railway Lines

2835. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of zones and divisions under which the Government propose to convert metre gauge lines into broad gauge;

(b) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on these projects; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) : (a) No proposal has been finalised for converting any MG line to BG, other than those where work is already in progress.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

### National Policy on Tourism

2836. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are con-

templating to formulate a national policy on tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The Government are in the process of formulating an Action Plan for Tourism which may necessitate some policy changes.

[Translation]

### Recovery of Railway Dues

2837. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of Railway dues outstanding from non government agencies, government organisations and public sector undertakings for the last five years, year-wise;

(b) action taken to recover the dues; and

(c) the details of bad-debt written off during that period ?

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