

(a) whether there is any proposal to supply 135 Megawatt of Power in addition to 180 Megawatt by the Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) is committed for supply of 150 MVA Power to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP). VSP has already captive power plant of 180 MW capacity. The present drawal of power from APSEB is 100 MVA, and it is learnt that the VSP has requested deferment of supply of the balance 50 MVA. APSEB is prepared to give additional 50 MVA as and when required by VSP.

[English]

Vayudoot service to Bolangir, Orissa

5386. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to link Bolangir district in Orissa with the Vayudoot services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Due to the heavy losses being sustained by it, Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically. The air linking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present juncture.

Action plan for ITDC Hotels

5387. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARIBHAN-

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

(a) whether the Government proposed to improve the efficiency and profitability of ITDC hotels;

(b) if so, whether any action Plan has been drawn for this purpose;

(c) the names of hotels to be covered under this plan;

(d) whether the interests of employees of these hotels would be protected under this Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). ITDC owns and operates 25 hotels in the country. It is Govt's endeavour to improve the efficiency and profitability of all ITDC hotels. The efforts being made by the Government/ITDC to improve the performance of hotels *inter-alia* include aggressive marketing and sales efforts, direct contact with major tour operators/travel agents to promote traffic to India, offering incentives to sales representatives etc.

(d) to (f). Yes, Sir. The interest of employees of ITDC hotels would be protected through their involvement in the efforts mentioned above.

Supply of wagons at Guntur Station

5388. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual demand of wagons and the number of wagons allotted to Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90, 1990-91 and upto June 1991; and

(b) the reasons for short supply and the

action proposed to be taken to allot more wagons to carry stock of cotton seeds, oil etc. lying uncleared for more than six months in Guntur and other nearby places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Indent</i>	<i>Loading</i>
1989-90	1307962	1304820
1990-91	1349089	1338966
Upto June, 1991	348472	341123

(b) There had been less supply of wagons for loading of cotton seeds and deoiled cake etc, due to competing demands from other important sectors, namely Foodgrains, Fertilisers and Cement on S.C. Railway. However, special efforts were made to clear this traffic during the last two months and bulk of the demand has been met. At present, there is no pending demand at Guntur station and a few demands are pending at other stations in Vijayawada Division for loading of cotton seeds and deoiled cake.

Harnessing of Renewable Sources of Energy in Andhra Pradesh

5389. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop non-conventional energy sources in Vishakhapatnam area in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The ongoing programmes for development of non conventional energy sources in Andhra Pradesh,

LIKARJUN): (a) Statewise statistics are not maintained. However, in the four Divisions of S.C, Railway, i.e. Vijayawada, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Guntukal, which primarily serve the state of Andhra Pradesh, the actual demand and the number of wagons loaded during 1989-90, 1990-91 and upto June 1991, are given as under:-

are being implemented in Visakhapatnam district as in the case of other districts. The details of some important on-going programmes, with specific reference to Visakhapatnam, are as follows:

1. National Project on Biogas development

During 1991-92, a target of 400 family size biogas plans, in addition to the 1629 already set up, has been fixed, of which 120 plants have been installed by the end of July, 1991.

Seven Institutional Night Soil based biogas plants have been sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs,21,30,360/- out of which one project at A.P. Road Transport Corporation is already under implementation

2. National Programme on Improved Chulha

During 1991-92, a target of 6,000 chulhas in addition to the 18738 chulhas installed so far, has been proposed for installation. By July 1991, 800 Wood Burning Stoves were air already installed.

3. Biomass Energy Plantation

Under this programme, the Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority has undertaken energy plantation at