

(a) the estimated quantity and quality of coal at Charla in Khammam district;

(b) whether his Ministry has any plan to take up mining of coal there;

(c) is so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOWDA): (a) to (d) The estimated reserves of coal at Charla in Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh is about 28 m.t. and indicated grade of coal varies from 'D' to 'E'. The Ministry of Coal has already sanctioned an advance action plan for Rs. 6.40 crores for taking up essential preliminary activities for development of Charla Open at mine with an annual output capacity of 0.55 million tonnes.

Bridge at Kothavalasa (SER)

5514. **SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to build over-bridge/flyover at Kothavalasa (near Visakhapatnam) railway crossing (South Eastern Railway) which divides the busy commercial areas of the town;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of the project and when the work is likely to be started?

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

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Claim Cases pending at Jhansi

5515. **SHRIRAJNATHSONKARSHASTRI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of the employees pending involving financial issues in

Jhansi division;

(b) the number of such cases of the Gangmen;

(c) since when these are pending and the reasons for the delay in the finalisation thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the disposal of these cases?

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

[*Translation*]

Spare Parts for Locomotives in DLW

5516. **SHRIRAJNATHSONKARSHASTRI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Railway engine's spare parts used in Diesel Locomotive Workshop, Varanasi are supplied by the local units of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, whether these are done through open tender and by negotiation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For procurement of Stores normal tendering procedure is followed and further negotiation are also held, if considered necessary.

(c) Does not arise.

Stoppage of Express trains at stations on Bhatni-Varanasi Section.

5517. **SHRIRAJNATHSONKARSHASTRI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Summer train running on Bhatni-Varanasi Section has been suspended recently;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to reserve this train and provide stoppages and Gorakhpur Express Sarju-Yamuna Express and other fast trains on Dullahapur,

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (d) 515/516 Bhatni-Varanasi summer special cancelled w.e.f 1-7-91 has since been restored as a regular train w.e.f. 12-8-91.

Stoppage of any additional trains at Dullahpur, Jakhaniyan and sadat Stations is presently not feasible due to operational exigencies and lack of traffic.

[English]

Increase in Natural Gas prices

5518. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from different organisation in Gujarat regarding high rates of natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Certain representations have been received.

(b) and (c) These representations have argued for a price of natural gas less than that recommended by the Kelkar Committee. The representations are considered while taking decisions.

[Translation]

Survey for oil and Gas In Rajasthan

5519. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seismic survey has been undertaken by the Oil India Limited for exploration of oil and natural gas in Beghevala region of Bikaner and adjoining areas of Ajmer in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Seismic Surveys have been conducted by Oil India Limited in the Baghevala region of the Bikaner - Nagaur region of Rajasthan. The first exploratory well drilled on the Baghevala structure resulted in an inflow of some very heavy oil. Detailed testing is in progress.

Coal Supply to Rajasthan

5520. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the place from where the coal is supplied to Rajasthan and the quantity during the last three years;

(b) whether the coal supplied to Rajasthan falls much short of its demand; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to make coal available to Rajasthan as per its requirement in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Coal supplies to vari-