

(e) total expenditure involved by each of these power plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Creation of National Grid Corporation

5868. SHRI B.V. DESAI :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert panel has suggested the creation of a separate national grid corporation to oversee the transmission and distribution of power ;

(b) if so, whether the power department has sought the views of the concerned ministries and departments on the matter ;

(c) if so, by what time the final decision in this regard will be taken ;

(d) what are the other points suggested by the expert panel ; and

(e) by what time all the recommendations of the panel are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) A Working Group set up by the Department of Power to study the various aspects of transmission of power and to work out the details and modalities leading to the establishment of Centrally-owned National Power Grid, in its Report submitted in December, 1984, recommended the setting up of a National Grid Corporation to oversee the transmission and distribution of power.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As several complicated issues have to be examined carefully, it is not possible to indicate a time limit for taking a final decision.

(d) and (e) The other important recommendations of the Working Group include that (i) the Corporation should take over the assets and liabilities created by the Public Sector Power Utilities in the Central Sector in relation to the transmission facilities as well as the Regional Load Despatch Centres, (ii) take responsibility for the total system engineering, execution, operation and maintenance of the communication and computer segments of the various State Load Despatch Centres, (iii) pooling up of the entire Central generation and marketing it to the various States over the National Power Grid, and (iv) the formation of an autonomous Regional Power Pool in each region etc.

Since the implications of the various recommendations have to be examined in details, it is not possible to indicate a time limit for implementing the recommendations.

Locomotive and Coach Factories

5869 SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL:

SHRI M. MAHALINGAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the locomotive and the coach factories functioning in India and the number of coaches manufactured in each factory annually ;

(b) what is the estimated requirement of coaches for the year 1985-86 and the number of coaches likely to be manufactured in India during the year 1985-86 ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to import coaches during the year 1985-86 to meet the demand, if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) whether Government are considering to establish more coach factories in the country, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

(a) The locomotives are being manu-

factured in Railway Sector at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan (West Bengal) and at Diesel Locomotive Works Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

The coaches are being manufactured in Railway Sector at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Perambur, Madras. There are Public Sector Undertakings also manufacturing railway coaches viz. M/s Jessops & Co., Calcutta and Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., Bangalore.

The number of coaches manufactured from these factories during 1984-85 is given below :—

	ICF.	M/s Jessope & Co.	BEML	Total.
1984-85	825	129	350	1304
1985				

(b) The requirement of coaches is worked out for a Five Year Plan period and annual acquisition programmes are then decided taking into consideration the plan allocation and production capacity.

The number of coaches likely to be manufactured in India during 1985-86 is as under :

	ICF.	M/s Jessops & Co.	BEML.	Total
1985-86	800	202	300	1302
1986				

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government of India has decided to set up a new Railway Coach Produced Unit with an eventual annual capacity of 1000 coaches in Punjab.

Restoration of Vestibuled Coaches in Parasuram Express

5870. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Parasuram Express running in Kerala was a fully vestibuled train when it was introduced ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the vestibuled coaches have been substituted by non-vestibuled coaches ;

(c) whether any complaint against this has been received ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to restore the the vestibuled coaches in this train ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As and when more such coaches become available, they will be put on this train.

[Translation]

Rail Line Kota-Chittorgarh

5871. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred so far on the construction of Kota-Chittorgarh broad gauge line ;

(b) the reasons for slow progress in the construction work, and

(c) the target date by which the work on this railway line will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Anticipated expenditure upto 31.3.1985 is about Rs. 20 crores.

(b) The work is being progressed, according to availability of resources.

(c) The completion of this work will depend on the availability of funds in the coming years.

[English]

Catering Staff in Railways

5872. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :