

at present no plans to introduce air services to surat. However, Vayudoot is already operating three days a week Dornier service on both Bombay-Surat Bhavnagar and Bombay-Daman-Surat-Bhavnagar sectors.

[English]

New Power Project in Kerala for World Bank Financing

1036. SHRI K. MOHANDAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suggested any new power project in Kerala for the consideration of the World Bank for financing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) At present, no power project from Kerala is in the pipeline for World Bank assistance.

(b) Question does not arise.

Production of Lubricating Oil

1037. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of lubricating oil has increased during 1988-89 as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plan to raise the capacity of the oil blocks and refineries to raise lubricating oil production in 1989-90; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was an increase of 19,000 tonnes in the production of lubricating oil in 1988-89 over the production in 1987-88.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Price of Imported Commodity Plastics

1039. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the landed price of imported commodity plastics had dipped below prices charged by indigenous producers;

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

(c) whether despite the falling trend in world prices, speculative purchases by traders continues unabated; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (d). As a result of recent fall in international prices of commodity plastics, their landed cost now are near around the current indigenous selling prices. The price situation is being kept under close watch.

The import of commodity plastics is being allowed on OGL (including for stock and sale, expecting that of poly-propylene) as their present domestic availability is significant, y short of indigenous demand.