

**Transportation of Coal to Thermal Power Station in Tamil Nadu**

2276. SHRIJANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government has requested the Railways for transportation of coal for its thermal power stations from Assam; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Railways in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**Linking of Calcutta by Airlines**

2277. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any long-term plan has been framed or is being framed to put Calcutta back on the world map and to link all big airlines to it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). To promote Calcutta, the Calcutta airport has been fully equipped for handling international traffic like three other international airports. During bilateral air Services Talks with foreign countries, Calcutta is invariably offered as a point for the foreign airlines on concessional terms.

**Gas Based Power Plant at Anta in Rajasthan**

2278. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the National Thermal Power Corporation to double the capacity of existing gas based power station at Anta in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The Feasibility Report for the setting up of the Anta gas based power project Stage-II (430 MW) by the National Thermal Power Corporation has been techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority. The project proposal could be processed further for investment approval after the various inputs, such as, gas linkage etc. are tied up, and the various clearances-including that from the environmental and forestry agencies- are available.

**Supply of Natural gas to Rajasthan**

2279. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has request Union Government for allotment of suitable portion of associated gas from the proposed gas grid from Gujarat to Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government had requested that gas from Gujarat should be given for industries to be put up in the bordering areas of Rajasthan. As the entire gas presently available in Gujarat area has already been committed, it has not been possible so far to commit gas to Rajasthan State from Gujarat area. However, at present gas is supplied through the HBJ Pipeline for the NTPC power plant at Anta in Rajasthan.

#### **Discovery of Coal Reserves**

2280. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the

Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new coal reserve areas have been located in the country during 1989-90; and

(b) if so, the extent of coal deposits discovered in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During 1989-90 (upto 1.1.90), the following additional coal reserves have been discovered in various areas as indicated below:

<i>Name of Coalfield</i>		<i>Additional reserves of Coal in million tonnes</i>
	(1)	(2)
<i>West Bengal</i>		
(i)	Domra-Panagarh	330.51
<i>Bihar</i>		
(i)	East Bokaro	419.61
(ii)	West Bokaro	81.00
(iii)	North Karanpura	79.00
(iv)	South Karanpura	738.03
(v)	Rajmahal	703.23
<i>Madhya Pradesh</i>		
(i)	Pench-Kanhan	231.06
(ii)	Sohagpur	62.05
(iii)	Korba	2508.46
(iv)	Mand Raigarh	600.42
(v)	Ramkola-Tatapani	433.33