

[English]

Wagons for Transportation of Petroleum Products

2347. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great demand of railway wagons by oil companies for transportation of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the total demand of wagons during January, 1990;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in supply of wagons to these companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to provide the wagons as demanded?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total demand for transportation of petroleum products, during Jan. '90, was 97,253 wagons on Broad-Gauge and 10,832 wagons on Metre-Gauge system.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Scandinavian Aid for Improving Customer Services of Indian Airlines

2348. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is seeking the aid of Scandinavian Air System to improve its customer services;

(b) if so, whether a team from Scandinavian Air System visited India for conduct-

ing training sessions;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the agreement will be helpful?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Coal supplies to Industrial Consumers

2349. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden drop in coal supplies to industrial consumers in the non-core sector; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Coal supplies to industrial consumers in non-core sector during the period April '89 to February '90 have been 31.15 million tonnes against the supplied of 31.07 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 1988-89.

National Power Grid

2350. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested early creation of a national power grid to facilitate