

[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

easy flow of power between different States and regions;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have accepted the suggestion; and

(c) if so, by what time a national power grid in the country is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). Some organisations have supported the idea of creation of a National Power Grid to facilitate easy flow of power between different states and regions. The formation of the National Power Grid is an evolutionary process. Continued augmentation of Extra High voltage lines in the Central Sector and creation/strengthening of the inter-state and inter-regional transmission lines have provided impetus for the same. Formation of the National Power Transmission Corporation is also a step in this direction.

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#### **Diesel Component Factory at Hazaribagh**

2351. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new unit of diesel component works in Hazaribagh in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Conversion of Kathgodam-Agra Railway Line**

2352. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert Kathgodam-Agra railway line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work on it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. However, Kathgodam-Lalkua section is proposed to be converted to BG in connection with Rampur-New Haldwani rail line.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Doubling of Bareilly-Moradabad Railway Line**

2353. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for doubling the Bareilly-Moradabad railway line in view of heavy density of passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Doubling of Moradabad-Bareilly Section is an approved work. Phase-I of the work between Moradabad-Rampur (27 Km) was approved in 1987-88 and Phase-II between Rampur-Bareilly (63 Km) in 1989-90. Work has commenced.

#### **Provision of Express Trains on Bareilly-Aligarh Branch**

2354. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide an express train on the Aligarh-Bareilly branch line where there is very heavy traffic;