

nance of Rolling Stock in respect of coaches, Electric Items, Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) and wagons is Rs. 1042.34 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dornier Helicopter Services to Kullu and Other places

502. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link Kullu (Bhuntar), Gaggal (Kangra), Shimla, Chandigarh and Delhi Airports with air services by Dornier helicopters to encourage tourism;

(b) if so, when these air services are likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHANDHAWAN): (a) to (c). Vayudoot Limited is already operating scheduled services to Chandigarh, Shimla, Kullu and Gaggal with the Avro and Dornier-228 type of aircraft from Delhi.

[*English*]

Supply of LPG in Hoshiarpur

504. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been short supply of LPG in Hoshiarpur and other towns in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab during the last one year as a result of which the con-

sumers have not been getting their refills/cylinders even after two weeks or so of placing the orders; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the steps taken to remove such shortage and delay in LPG supply?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). A temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported in certain locations of Hoshiarpur district on account of constraints in the availability of bulk LPG transportation problems and sporadic law and order problems. Actions have been taken to augment availability of LPG through increased production and import, increase bottling, expedite movement and step up delivery of refills. With these measures the situation has since normalised.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps to SCs/STs

505. SHRI LARANG SAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot LPG agencies and petrol pumps to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the current year and the next years; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The information is given in the statement below.

STATEMENT

Statewise details of LPG distributorships and retail outlet (Petrol/Diesel Dealerships planned for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes persons

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>State/Union Territory</i>	<i>Number of Retail Outlet Dealerships</i>	<i>LPG Distributorships</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	0
3.	Assam	4	1
4.	Bihar	21	8
5.	Gujarat	7	8
6.	Haryana	5	2
7.	Himachal Pradesh	3	0
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	2
9.	Karnataka	7	3
10.	Kerala	6	3
11.	Madhya Pradesh	22	9
12.	Maharashtra	12	23
13.	Manipur	0	1
14.	Meghalaya	2	0
15.	Mizoram	1	0
16.	Nagaland	4	0
17.	Orissa	2	1
18.	Punjab	3	4
19.	Rajasthan	8	5

1	2	3	4
20.	Tamil Nadu	6	3
21.	Uttar Pradesh	27	12
22.	West Bengal	9	5
Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
2.	Chandigarh	1	0
3.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	0	0
4.	Delhi	1	0
5.	Goa Daman & Diu	2	1
6.	Lakshadweep	0	0
7.	Pondicherry	1	0

[English]

Flaring and Import of LPG

506. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been flaring annually natural gas worth over Rs. 1800 crores;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered so far;

(c) whether India has been importing LPG for domestic use;

(d) if so, the amount spent so far; and

(e) when our country is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in LPG?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir. At the current prices of natural gas (Rs. 1400/1000 cubic metres), the value of the gas currently being flared is estimated to be approximately Rs. 550/- crores per annum. However, the economic value of this gas is estimated to be Rs. 1100 crores per annum.

(b) At the current prices of natural gas (Rs. 1400/1000 cubic meters), the value of associated gas flared over the last three years (1987-88 and 1989-90) is approximately Rs. 1750 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An amount of approximately Rs. 130 crores has been spent so far in the current financial year on the import of LPG.