

**Losses of DESU**

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) was running at loss in 1989-90 as compared to the last two years;

(b) whether Government have written off the loan taken by DESU on account of loss suffered by it;

(c) if so, the extent and the reasons of DESU loss;

(d) whether steps have been taken to improve the performance of DESU; and

(e) if so, the present position of its performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) to (c). DESU has been incurring huge revenue losses due to a round increase in the cost of various inputs including cost of generation/purchase of electricity after the last revision of tariff in April, 1985. The extent of losses during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Loss (Rs. in crores)
1	2
1987-88	178.62
1988-89	179.99
1989-90	233.29

With a view to restructure the capital base of DESU the Government has waived the dues outstanding against DESU for purchase of power from the Badarpur Thermal Power Station amounting to Rs. 1109.73 crores and accumulated interest of Rs. 297.42 crores on Government of India loans as on 31.3.1989. The principal amount of loan due on 31.3.1989 amounting to Rs. 1004.10 crores has also been converted into loan in perpetuity.

(d) and (e). The steps taken by DESU to improve its performance include revision of tariff with effect from 1.3.1991, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, checks on theft of power and proper control over operating expenditure. DESU expects to earn an additional revenue of about Rs. 306 crores by the revision of tariff which would enable it to improve its overall performance

**Import of Oil from Gulf Countries**

582. PROF. YADU NATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of crude oil and petroleum products from Iran and some other countries has been hampered due to the Gulf War;

(b) if so, the names of such countries and the difficulties arising in this regard;

(c) the quantity of oil and other petroleum products imported from these countries, since December, 1990, and the value thereof and the extent of additional expenditure which the country had to incur due to rise in prices; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far to ensure regular supply of petroleum products and check their prices and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d). Supply of crude oil and petroleum products from Iraq and Kuwait has stopped since 2nd August 1990 when the Gulf Crisis began. This shortfall has, however, been made up by arranging supplies from alternate sources. As a result of recent Gulf War, which began from 17th January 1991, supplies from Iran and other countries have not been disrupted so far.

In the beginning of the year 1990-91 it was planned to import about 24.3 million tonnes of crude oil and petroleum products with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 6400 crores. The total import bill for the year 1990-91 is now expected to be over Rs. 10,000 crores for import of about 29.5 million tonnes of crude oil and petroleum products.

#### **Halt of Geetanjali Express and Navjeevan Express at Shegaon**

583. SHRI BHAOO SAHEB PUNDLIK PHUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been persistent demand for halting of Geetanjali and Navjeevan Express train at Shegaon of Bombay-Calcutta line in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c). Examined but not found feasible.

#### **Khamgaon-Jalna Railway Line**

584. SHRI BHAOO SAHEB PUNDLIK PHUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work of Khamgaon-Jalna railway route in Maharashtra has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of 155 kms length of new BG lines has been estimated as Rs. 132. 89 crores with a negative rate of return.

(c) As the survey has revealed inadequate traffic prospects there is no proposal to take up the work of Khamgaon-Jalna new BG line for the present.

[English]

#### **Unauthorised Entry of Passengers into Reserved Coaches**

585. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing unauthorised entry of passengers into Reserved 3 Tier, First Class and A.C. compartments in Neelachal Express, Super Fast Puri-New Delhi Express and in other trains particularly between Kharagpur and Kanpur;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints that the Railways officials do not take any action against such persons who cause inconvenience to the authorised passengers; and