

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). A large number of solar photovoltaic systems have been installed in unelectrified villages as part of the solar photovoltaic programme of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The system already installed include about 23000 street lights, 1100 water pumping systems, 590 community lighting/TV systems, 1500 domestic lighting units, and a few small Solar Power stations; these systems cover over 5500 villages and hamlets in 23 states and 3 Union Territories. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has proposed expansion of the Programme so as to supply power from solar and other renewable energy sources extensively to villages and parts of the country where supply of electricity through transmission lines is costly and transmission losses are high. The extent of implementation of this proposal will depend on the funds made available.

#### **Amalgamation of Indian Airlines and Air India**

100. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for amalgamation Indian Airlines and Air India to be incorporated as single public undertaking; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Punctuality of Trains Running Between Delhi and Orissa**

101. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which the punctuality of superfast/express trains from Delhi to Orissa and vice-versa is not being maintained; and

(b) the corrective measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Alarm chain pulling, accidents and certain equipment failures.

(b) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring.

#### **Rajdhani Type Trains to Orissa**

102. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce Rajdhani type trains connecting Delhi which Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir,  
(b) Does not arise.

#### **Petrochemical Project at Haldia**

103. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:  
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: