

(a) whether Government propose to revive the train service between Jainti and Alipurduar railway stations on North East Frontier Railway and extend it beyond Cooch Behar upto Bangladesh border in order to make it economically viable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Cooking Gas Facility in J.J. Colonies, Delhi

5023. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give any special consideration to the poor and economically weaker sections living in J.J. colonies in Delhi in the allotment of Cooking gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) There is not such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Handling Plant for Mejia Thermal Plant

5024. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Rs. 42 crore coal handling plant for the 600 MW Mejia Thermal Plant of the Damodar Valley Corporation is likely to run into trouble

(b) whether this project has already been delayed; and

(c) if so, the effective steps being taken to ensure its timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The project is under construction and the Coal Handling Plant will also be installed in due course. There has been some delay and the first unit is now expected to be commissioned in December, 1992. Almost all major packages related to the Project have been finalised and the progress of site work by different agencies has been geared up.

Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Sambalpur, Orissa

5025. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for the selection of suitable candidate for petrol/diesel retail outlets; and

(b) the number of petrol pumps proposed to be started during the current year in Orissa, particularly, in Sambalpur?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The marketing oil companies appoint Petrol/Diesel dealers on the basis of recommendations received from the concerned Oil Selection Board. In making selection of candidates who meet the eligibility conditions in regard to income, educational qualifications, residence category, age, etc. the Oil Selection Boards take the following factors into account;

- i) Personality;
- ii) business ability/salesmanship;

- iii) capacity to arrange finance and capability to provide facilities;
- iv) preparedness for working fulltime as a dealer; and
- v) general assessment and extra curricular activities.

(b) 32 new retail outlets (Petrol/Diesel) are proposed to be set up in Orissa, out of which 3 pertain to Sambalpur district. However, in view of the various steps preceding the commissioning, it is not possible to indicate how many of these would be started in the current year.

Vacant Posts of General Managers

5026. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of General Managers had other higher officials in various zonal railways are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time since when these are vacant and when the same are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No post of high officials of the rank of General Manager and equivalent is lying vacant.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Question papers in C.A. Examination

5027. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:
SHRIBHAGEYGOBARDHAN:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi allows the candidates to answer questions in Hindi in C.A. Examinations conducted by it;

(b) if so, whether the question papers for these examinations are supplied in Hindi also;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to supply the question papers in Hindi or diglot question papers for C.A. Examinations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The question papers are provided by the Institute in Hindi medium to the candidates of the Entrance Examination only. In respect of other examinations, the Institute has been finding it difficult to get senior and experienced persons with the knowledge of the technical subjects as well as the required proficiency in both English and Hindi for this purpose.

Installation of pump sets and Rural Electrification in Bihar

5028. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified and pump sets installed by the Rural Electrification Corporation during the last five years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of villages electrified and pumps sets installed by the Corporation in Bihar during the last five year, district-wise; and

(c) the number of villages proposed to be electrified and the number of pumps sets