

[English]

Relief Package for Polyester Staple Fibre Units

5114 SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether the financial institutions have formulated a relief package to enable polyester staple fibre units to overcome the depression in the market,

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) the outcome of the various steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M S GURUPADASWAMY) (a) to (c) Relief packages of assistance for revitalisation of potentially sick polyester fibre units are considered on a case to case basis

Quality of Food

5115 SHRI K MURALEEDHARAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the quality of the food supplied in trains is not good and the cost is also very high, and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to raise the standard of catering items/services in Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) No, Sir Opinion polls conducted on trains reveal that majority of the passengers found the quality of food to be good

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Standard of Catering

5116 SHRI JANARDAN YADAV Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that substandard food is served in trains bound for Guwahati, Bhagalpur and Howrah from Delhi, and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of food on these trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) Some complaints regarding quality of food have been received

(b) Steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving the catering services include modernisation of base kitchens/refreshment rooms, intensive inspections, random sample checks of edible items and action against the contractors and staff responsible for lapses

[English]

Diversion of Abha Toofan Express

5117 SHRI RAJDEV SINGH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any representations for diverting the route of Abha Toofan Express from Shri Ganganagar to Howrah via Jabhal, Lehra, Sunam, Sangrur Dhuri, Barnala and Rampura Phul, and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not considered desirable to divert the train

[*Translation*]

Rural Electrification in Bihar

5118. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural electrification scheme has not been implemented in various villages of Katihar district of Bihar.

(b) whether transmission lines have not been laid so far despite the completion of Sonali Power Sub-station in Katihar district under rural electrification scheme; and

(c) if so, the time by which rural areas of Katihar district are proposed to be electrified and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Out of 1232 inhabited villages in the Katihar district of Bihar, 728 villages have been electrified upto January, 1990

(b) As reported by the State Electricity Board, Sonali 33/11 KV sub-station along with the supporting 33 KV lines is likely to be commissioned by May/June, 1990

(c) All the remaining unelectrified villages of Katihar district are likely to be electrified in the Eighth five Year Plan subject to the availability of necessary funds and other inputs.

[*English*]

Profit/loss of Hindustan Newsprint Ltd., Kottayam

5119. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the profit/loss incurred by the Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. Kottayam during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for losses, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). The net profit/loss of Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Kottayam during the last three years are:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Net profit/loss (in Lakh Rs.)</i>
1987 - 88	- 175
1988 - 89	+ 200
1989 - 90 (Provisional and subject to audit)	+ 2200

In 1987- 88, Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. incurred net loss on account of then uneconomic price of newsprint insufficient to cover the increase in the cost of various inputs.

Supply of Petroleum Gas through Pipeline in Bombay and Delhi

5120 PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for supply of LPG through pipelines to the consumers in Bombay and Delhi cities;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, and

(c) when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). It is not feasible to