

Profits by Public Sector Undertakings

5134. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector undertakings which are likely to earn profits during 1989-90 and their estimated net profit;

(b) the number of public sector undertakings which have achieved more than 10 per cent increase in production during the current financial year compared to the previous financial year; and

(c) the total aggregate value of the increased production?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). The final audited figures of the profits/losses of the Central Public Sector Enterprises for the year 1989-90 will become available only in the latter half of this year. Provisional figures for 9-monthly period ending 31st December, 1989 indicate that 77 PSEs earned a net profit of Rs. 3866 crores.

The Bureau of Public Enterprises does not maintain data on estimated profits/losses or production of Central Public Sector Enterprises. The final data in this regard will be published after receipt of audited accounts of 1989-90 and incorporated in the Public Enterprises Survey 1989-90 which will be placed on the Table of the House during Budget Session of 1991.

[*Translation*]

Restoration of Ahmedabad-Bhopal Passenger Train

5135. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ahmedabad-Bhopal

passenger train which was most convenient to tribal population of Jhabua and adjoining areas, was cancelled two years ago;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been persistent public demand to restore this train; and

(d) if so, when Government propose to restore this train?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The erstwhile 111/112 Vadodara-Bhopal Passenger was cancelled in February, 1988 to create capacity for Bhopal-Rajkot Express introduced in April, 1988.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

Production of Slack Wax

5136. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the quantity of slack wax produced in various refineries all over the country and their pattern of release/distribution in the market during 1989-90 refinery-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): The quantity of IN Grade slack wax produced in various refineries for distribution to processors is given below:

<i>Refinery</i>	<i>Production (in MTs)</i>
Barauni	43191
Haldia	2144
Madras (MRL)	1050