

[English]

### **Modernisation of Railway Stations**

5148. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations modernised during 1989-90 in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a proposal to modernise some more stations during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 7 stations in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been selected to be modernised extensively. Various works in this connection are in progress in phases at all the seven stations.

(b) There is no proposal to add any more stations to the list of these seven stations.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

### **Supply of LPG in Rural Areas**

5149. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the target fixed for supplying LPG connections in rural areas by the end of Seventh Plan and the actual number of gas connections released so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): LPG is currently being supplied in a phased manner to towns/cities with a population of 20,000 and above which

offer potential for economically viable distributorships. Rural areas, except those contiguous to and in the periphery of such towns/cities, are not covered for LPG marketing. Hence no targets are fixed separately for rural areas.

[English]

### **Supply of Gas through Pipelines**

5150. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for distribution of natural gas through pipelines in cities in South India like Madras, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Cochin, Hyderabad etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to facilitate such distribution?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, an Inter-Ministerial Committee is being appointed to examine the various issues pertaining to the establishment of Southern gas grid for transporting natural gas from the Western Offshore to the Southern States and for supplies to different areas in the said states.

[Translation]

### **Petrol Pump and LPG agencies in Madhya Pradesh**

5151. SHRI RESHAM LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies set up in Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Raigarh districts of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;