

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The size or depth of exploratory wells depends on the depth at which oil producing zone is expected based on surveys and drilling.

Railway Link to Chatra (Bihar)

1784. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the headquarter of Chatra division in Hazaribagh district of Bihar is not connected with railway line;

(b) whether there has been a long standing demand to connect Chatra with railway line;

(c) whether the Government propose to link this place with railway line; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Chatra is not connected with railway line.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Introduction of Fast Passenger Train from Haldibari to Jalpaiguri

1785. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to introduce a fast passenger train from Haldibari to Sealdah via Jalpaiguri town and NJP station to meet the long felt need of the people of Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar;

(b) if so, whether work have already been started there; and

(c) if so, the amount spent thereon and the details of the work completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) No, Sir. But the feasibility is under examination.

[Translation]

Renovation of Rajpipla Airport

1786. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an old airport in Rajpipla town near Narmada Dam of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to renovate this airport; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct/renovate any airport at Rajpipla city of Bharuch District in Gujarat.

Bridge over Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh

1787. SHRI PROBEN DEKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct fourth rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh (Assam); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge is planned as a Centrally-assisted North Eastern Council project for the 8th Five Year Plan. Detailed project report prepared by Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. in 1988 has been updated by Northeast Frontier Railway and furnished to the North Eastern Council for processing further. The cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 558.88 crores.

Lalitpur-Singrauli Railway Line

1788. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the railway line between Lalitpur and Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh has been started;

(b) if so, the amount allotted for the purpose so far;

(c) the progress made so far in the construction of the railway line; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli new BG line has been taken up.

Polypropylene Plant at Bijaipur

1789. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM

AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited propose to set up a polypropylene plant at Bijaipur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the latest position in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Detailed Project Report has been received from the Gas Authority of India. The proposal is to have a capacity of 1,00,000 tonnes of polypropylene at an estimated cost of Rs. 720 crores.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Coal to Power Plants in Gujarat

1790. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state the month-wise demand of coal made by the Government of Gujarat for Thermal Power Stations from October, 1990 to June, 1991 and the quantity of coals allotted and actually supplied to these plants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): As per information received from the Central Electricity Authority, (CEA) month-wise coal demand, for thermal power stations agreed between Gujarat and CEA, the linkage given by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) and receipts of coal by the power stations from October, 1990 to June, 1991 is given in the enclosed statement.