

(d) 275 LPG distributorships including 81 in the reserved categories were allotted during 1989-91. Letters of Intent issued since December, 1989 are being reviewed.

(e) LPG distributorships are opened in different cities as per marketing plans and policy in force from time to time.

Allotment of Wagons for Solapur Station

1914. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of wagons per month at Solapur railway station of Central Railway;

(b) the percentage of wagons made available during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make available sufficient number of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average requirement of wagons per month at Solapur Railway Station during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 has been 363 and 425, respectively.

(b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 the percentage of requirement met was 99 and 100, respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Natural Gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin

1915. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated availability of natural gas in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(b) the details of the plans for utilizing this gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) It is estimated that 4.29 MMSCMD of gas would be produced by 1994-95. Various allocations have been made to the prospective consumers.

Air Service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam

1916. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a direct air service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam which was introduced in 1988-89 has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-introduce this service in view of the increased passenger traffic on this route; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Boeing-737 service which was introduced with effect from 1-11-89 between Delhi and Visakhapatnam (via Raipur) was withdrawn from 20-11-89 due to reduction in aircraft capacity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) With the present availability of aircraft capacity, it is not possible for Indian Airlines to re-introduce a direct service between Delhi and Visakhapatnam.

Electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam Line

1917. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification work on Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam railway line is in progress;