

[English]

**PETROL/DIESEL OUTLETS IN
BALASORE, ORISSA**

1000. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol/diesel out-
lets allotted so far in the Balasore dis-
trict of Orissa; and

(b) the names of places in Balasore
which have been included in the Market-
ing Plan 1991-92 for opening of these
outlets and places being surveyed at pre-
sent ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-
KARANAND) : (a) Twenty two.

(b) No new location in this district
has been identified for opening a retail
outlet dealership.

EXPORT OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

1001. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether the diesel locomotives
made by Indian Railways are the chea-
pest in price and best in performance ;
and

(b) if so, whether the Government
any proposal to export the diesel loco-
motives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The diesel loco-
motives made by Indian Railways are
amongst the cheapest in the correspond-
ing horse power range.

The basic design of the locomotive is
of 1960 vintage. This has done excellent
service and continues to be the mainstay
of diesel traction on the Indian Railways.
However, in fuel efficiency, haulage capa-
city, speed potential and maintainability,
it does not match the current designs of

diesel locomotives marketed in advanced
countries.

(b) No Sir. The manufacturing capa-
city in the country is not adequate to
satisfy the full requirement of the Indian
Railways and Public Sector Undertakings.

**DIRECT AIRLINK FROM VARIOUS
FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

1002. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any
proposal to develop budhist shrines in
various States;

(b) whether the Government propose
to provide direct airlink from Japan, Sri
Lanka, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and
Indonesia to the budhist shrines situated
in the different parts of the country to
avoid any kind of inconvenience to the
tourists coming from those countries;

(c) if not, the alternative arrangement
the Government propose to provide for
the tourists from these countries;

(d) whether Japan has already shown
interests in this regard and assured some
financial help also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-
TION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADH-
AV RAO SCINDIA) . (a) Tourism in-
frastructure at certain places in U. P. and
Bihar connected with the life of Lord
Buddha are being developed.

(b) No, Sir. The Buddhist traffic from
Japan, Sri Lanka, Korea, Thailand, Tai-
wan and Indonesia is not sufficiently
large at present to warrant direct airlinks
with the Buddhist centres in India.

(c) The existing airlinks to the country
are adequate to cater to the tourists who
wish to come to the country to visit the
Buddhist Shrines.

(d) No, Sir. The Government of
Japan have not assured any financial help
for these airlinks.