

(b) if so, the details of this organisation with its functions and sources of its finance ;

(c) the achievements of the organisation so far ;

(d) whether members of the organisation are being paid bonus also every year; besides other fringe benefits ;

(e) whether members of the organisation have been touring different places after short interval taking benefit of railway passes, special leaves and making use of Official funds ;

(f) whether cases of occupation of reserved berths of passengers by them during their tours have come to the notice of Government ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railway Board Bharat Scouts and Guides Association which is a 'District' unit, affiliated to the Northern Railway State Bharat Scouts & Guides, is working in the Board's office. Its main function is to render selfless service connected with humanitarian activities. The Association is given financial assistance from the Staff Benefit Fund.

(c) to (e) The members of the Association participate in activities events sponsored/organised by the Northern Railway State Bharat Scouts & Guides Organisation. They are granted special casual leave and special passes as per extant instructions. The participants have rendered humanitarian services during natural calamities etc. No bonus is being paid to any member of the organisation.

(f) No such case has come to notice.

(g) Does not arise.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR PUMPING OF CRUDE OIL TO COCHIN REFINERIES

1023. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state :

(a) the safety measures taken for pumping of the crude oil from the oil terminal to the Cochin Refineries ;

(b) the safety measures taken in the Cochin Refineries ; and

(c) the number of accidents occurred in Cochin Refineries during the last three years and the loss incurred ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Various safety measures such as Cathodic protection of pipeline, safety audits, use of necessary safety equipment, effective supervision etc. have been adopted. Two accidents leading to damage of property worth Rs. 5 lakhs have taken place in last 3 years.

MODERNISATION OF COCHIN AIRPORT

1024. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of **CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have proposal to modernise Cochin Airport ; and

(b) If so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RAIL LINK FROM NEW COOCH-BEHAR TO DHUBRI

1025. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for broad-gauge line from New Cooch-Behar Fakiragram to Dhubri ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) **Yes, Sir.**

(b) Now Coochbhar and Fakiragram are already connected by B. G. Conversion of Fakiragram-Dhubri M. G. section into B. G. is not being considered due to constraint of resources at present.

TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN DHUBRI AND GUWAHATI

1026. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the direct train service from Dhubri to Guwahati and vice-versa has been stopped ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore this train service with all the modern facilities ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For security reasons.

(c) to (e) Dhubri-Guwahati service shall be restored immediately on receipt of clearance from the State Government of Assam.

OPERATION OF NEW TRAINS IN NER. ZONE

1027. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of new trains introduced on the North-Eastern Railway during the last three months and proposed to be introduced in near future alongwith their routes ;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the income and expenditure incurred on the operation of new trains introduced in this zone ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Chhapra-Allahabad city (Metre Gauge) Express has been introduced w.e.f. 29-4-1991. There is no proposal at present to introduce any new service in North Eastern Railway.

(b) and (c) No separate statistics of income and expenditure are maintained on individual passenger service.

POWER GENERATION IN HYDEL SECTOR

1028. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of power in hydel sector: State/Union Territory-wise ;

(b) the number of pending hydel power projects and the capacity thereof ; and

(c) the time by which these power projects are likely to be operational ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The total installed capacity of Hydro Power Stations in the country as on 31-3-1991 is 18752.617 MW. The details of the State-wise installed capacity are given at the statement attached.

(b) and (c) All the hydro projects identified by the Working Group on Power for benefits during the 8th Plan period (1990—95) have been accorded techno-economic clearance by Central Electricity Authority except Jaldhaka St. I (9 MW) and Jaldhaka St. II (4 MW) for which project reports are yet to be submitted by the State Authorities.

A total number of 38 hydro schemes with an aggregate installed capacity of about 7331.6 MW have been cleared by Central Electricity Authority but are awaiting sanction of the Planning Com-