CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE AT COCHIN

1044. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Chief Engineer's office at Cochin; and

(b) if so, when ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN GUJARAT

1045. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in each district of Gujarat which have been recommended by the Gujarat Electricity Board for electrification under the Rural Electrification Corporation schemes;

(b) the number of villages and Bastis which have been sanctioned for electrification so far by the Union Government and the number of those amongst them which have been electrified and the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the rest of these villages are likely to be electrified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The Gujarat Electricity Board has declared cent percent electrification of villages in Gujarat by the end of February, 1989. A statement indicating the district-wise number of villages electrified is attached. However, this does not include 222 villages which are not susceptible of electrification due to reasons such as coming under submergence scheme, special forest rehabilitation scheme, absence of population etc. The district-wise break-up of such villages are as under :—

District	Number
Bulsar	2
Bharuch	24
Baroda	14
Panchmahals	23
Sabarkantha	18
Mehsana	2
Kutch	21
Bhavnagar	2
Jamnagar	3
Junagarh	113
Total	222

STATEMENT

District-wise total number of villages and villages electrified in

Gujarat State

Sl. No.	Districts	Total No. of villages (as per 1981 census)	Villages electrified	Total Villages electrified under REC
1.	Valsad (Bulsar)	821	819	225
2.	Surat	1190	1190	530
3.	Dangs	311	311	223
4.	Broach	1123	1099	227
5.	Vadodara (Baroda)	1651	1637	636

1	2						3	4	5
6. Panchmahals	.	.	.	.	.	.	1895	1872	1426
7. Kheda (Kaira)	.	.	.	.	.	.	965	965	148
8. Ahmedabad	.	.	.	.	.	.	653	653	306
9. Gandhinagar	.	.	.	.	.	.	75	75	—
10. Sabarkantha	.	.	.	.	.	.	1359	1341	574
11. Mahesana	.	.	.	.	.	.	1089	1087	321
12. Banaskantha	.	.	.	.	.	.	1368	1368	801
13. Kutch	.	.	.	.	.	.	887	866	505
14. Rajkot	.	.	.	.	.	.	854	854	352
15. Surendra Nagar	.	.	.	.	.	.	648	648	350
16. Bhavnagar	.	.	.	.	.	.	866	864	372
17. Amreli	.	.	.	.	.	.	595	595	172
18. Jamnagar	.	.	.	.	.	.	693	690	255
19. Junagarh	.	.	.	.	.	.	1071	958	286
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	18114	17892	7708

RESTORATION OF TRAINS BETWEEN SASARAM AND ARAH

1046. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the train service between Sasaram and Arah via Bhojpur and Rohtas had been suspended;

(b) if so, when and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore the train service in view of increasing number of passengers and the industrial development of said areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard ?

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

(b) The Arah-Sasaram Light Railway was privately owned and run. Due to heavy working losses and serious road competition, the Company even failed to pay wages to the workers and there was staff unrest. The train services were ultimately closed down w.e.f. 15-2-78 and the Company went into liquidation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

POWER GENERATION CAPACITY IN BIHAR

1047. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power generation capacity in Bihar is less than that of in other States;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have any scheme to increase the power generation capacity in Bihar and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the expenditure incurred so far for increasing the Power-generation capacity in Bihar, project-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) A statement indicating State-wise installed capacity as on 31-3-1991 is given below.

(b) Thermal and Hydel power projects totalling to a capacity of 1107.9 MW are under various stages of implementation in the State. In addition, Bihar will also get its share from the Central sector power projects which are under implementation in Eastern Region. As the Eighth Plan has not been finalised, it is not possible to indicate