

UNECONOMIC RAILWAY LINES

1085. **SHRI RABI RAY** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the uneconomic railway lines and taken a decision to close them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (**SHRI MALLIKARJUN**) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per financial review of branch lines, 146 branch lines have been identified as uneconomic during the year 1989-90. The policy is to consider closure of those uneconomic branch lines only where adequate alternative means of transport exist.

PERFORMANCE OF ONGC

1086. **SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
(i) Output of crude oil (MMT)	29.638	31.99	30.345
(ii) Gross profit (before exchange loss, interest and tax) (Rs/ crores)	2658	2363	1772
(iii) Net Profit (Rs./crores)	1602	1624	1048

(c) Decline of profits has resulted from higher expenditure on account of exchange loss, cost of dry wells written off, operational expenditure and depreciation depletion.

(d) The working of ONGC is monitored in the Ministry on a regular basis.

(e) All efforts are being made to optimise production.

GAS BASED POWER PROJECT IN KERALA

1087. **PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN** : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been made by the Kerala State Electricity Board to

(a) the total outlay of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) the total output and gross profit as well as net profit earned during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for sharp decline in profit;

(d) the steps, the Government propose to take to streamline the working of the ONGC; and

(e) the steps being taken to fulfil the targets of production and the likely profit to be earned this year ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND**) : (a) The outlay of the ONGC for the year 1991-92 is Rs. 3095.74 crores.

(b) The particulars are given below :

run 1,200 MW Power Station through a Southern Gas Grid; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (**SHRI KALP NATH RAI**) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

REQUIREMENT OF DISEL FOR THERMAL POWER PLANTS IN KERALA

1088. **PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the annual requirement and the quantum of allocation of low grade F(1)

LSHS diesel made to the 60 MW and 120 MW diesel based Power Plants in Pallikkara near Kasarkode and Vadakara in Kozhikode district in Kerala respectively;

(b) the total requirement and the quantum of FO|LSHS diesel to be allocated annually to 90 MW gas-based combined cycle power plant of Brahmpuram in Ernakulam district;

(c) whether the Government propose to allocate more diesel to these plants so that the voltage problem could be reduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (b) No allocation has been made so far for these power plants.

ELECTRIFICATION OF ERODE-THIRUVANANTHAPURAM SECTION

1089. **PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Erode-Thiruvananthapuram section of the Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

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SHIFTING OF LOCO SHED FROM SAHIBGANJ

1090. **SHRI SIMON MARANDI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sahibganj loco has been shifted to Malda and if so, the loss incurred by the Government as a result thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to retain the remaining works of the loco at Sahibganj itself;

(c) if so, the details of works which are proposed to be performed at Sahibganj and at Malda; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. Sahibganj Loco Shed will continue to function as long as steam locomotives continue to operate in Malda area.

(c) Only Divisional Headquarter of Sahibganj has been changed from Howrah to Malda. All other activities remain the same.

(d) Does not arise.

SHUTTLE TRAIN BETWEEN JAIPUR AND PHULERA

1091. **SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the number of daily railway passengers of nearby towns and villages, who visit Jaipur to earn their livelihood

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a shuttle train between Jaipur and Phulera keeping in view the large number of commuters on this route; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Railways are aware of the number of the daily commuters travelling to Jaipur by rail.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As 4763|4764 Fast Passenger and 13/14 Fast Passenger are providing stopping services between Phulera and Jaipur, in addition to seven pairs of Mail|Express trains and due to operational and resource constraints.