

(a) whether there is any proposal for the electrification of the railway line between Kanpur and Lucknow; and

(b) if so, when this line is likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial Projects in Rajasthan

1188. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is persistent demand from Government of Rajasthan to set up more industrial projects in the State;

(b) whether any proposals have been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). During the period 1987 to 1989, 30 industrial licence applications from the various State Government Undertakings/Corporations of Rajasthan were received. Out of these, 16 applications have been approved and letters of intent have been granted to the concerned State Government Undertaking/Corporations. Of the remaining 14 applications, 13 have been rejected or otherwise disposed of and 1 is under process.

[English]

Trains between Amritsar and Kanpur

1189. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct train service from Amritsar to Kanpur;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a train on this route; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 8101/8102 Muri Express provides direct service between Kanpur and Amritsar.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Mining in Lalmatia Coalfield

1190. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 'F' quality of coal is found in abundance in Lalmatia coal mines;

(b) whether the said quality coal is ideal for the super thermal power stations;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to undertake mining at a greater speed in this mine; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Coal found in Lalmatia coal mines is suitable for use in super thermal power stations and a project based on Lalmatia coal with an annual capacity of 10.50 million tonnes is already under implementation. The project is expected to be completed by March, 1995.