

[English]

Manufacture of Diesel Engines

1192 SHRI E S M PAKEER MO-HAMED Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the total annual inflow as well as outflow of foreign exchange in the Diesel Engine Industry,

(b) the number of diesel engines of various power ranges manufactured in the country during the last three years, year-wise,

(c) the number of engines exported during that period and the range of those engines.

(d) the companies which are possessing foreign technology for production of these engines, and

(e) whether Government contemplate issuing more licences to manufacture these diesel engines to overcome the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH). (a) The foreign exchange inflow in the Diesel Engine Industry, through exports of all ranges of I C engines and their parts, has been provisionally estimated at Rs 60 crores, Rs 62 crores, and Rs 91 crores during the years 1986-87, 87-88, 88-89, respectively, as per the Export Statistics of Engineering Export Promotion Council

According to statistics maintained by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, which is available only upto 86-87, the outflow of foreign exchange on account of import of diesel engines during 86-87 is of the order of Rs 69.99 crores

(b) The production of diesel engines of various ranges, in the organised sector has been as under:

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
198,800	247,700	255,000 (Estimated)

(c) The export figures of engines in terms of no. and specific ranges are not being maintained. However, the total exports of all range of IC engines and their parts has been indicated in answer to part (a) of the Question

(d) Major manufacturers of Internal combustion engines in the organised sector, possessing foreign technology, are:

M/s	Ashok Leyland Ltd.
"	Simpson & Co
'	Kirloskar Cummins Ltd.
"	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
'	Ruston & Hornsby India Ltd.
"	Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd
"	Hindustan Power Plus
"	Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.

(e) The internal combustion engine industry is exempt from licensing subject to certain stipulations

Gandhidham-Bhuj Railway Line

1193 SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a long pending

demand of the people of Kutch for construction of broad gauge railway line between Gandhidham and Bhuj;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction this railway line;

(c) if so, the details of steps to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Survey conducted for conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj metre gauge line into broad gauge revealed that the project was not viable. In view of severe constraint of resources, and heavy commitments for on-going projects, there is no proposal at present for taking up this conversion.

[*Translation*]

Construction works at Railway Stations in Madhya Pradesh

1194. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction and development works going on at various railway stations of Madhya Pradesh have been postponed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Price of Catering Items

1195. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the price of tea, coffee and pantry items served in trains;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether there are any variations in the charges for tea, coffee, omlette, bread and milk served in pantry car in K.K. Express (from Kerala to New Delhi), Jayanthi Janatha Express (Kerala to Bombay), Madras Mail (Kerala to Madras), Venad Express (Shoranur to Trivandrum), Parasuram Express (Mangalore to Trivandrum) and Executive Special (Trivandrum to Ernakulam); and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Uniform tariff has been laid down for these items on these trains.

(d) Does not arise.

Methanol Plant at Uttar Brajapur, Bishalgarh, Tripura

1196. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a methanol plant in the joint sector has been recently approved and foundation stone of the same has been laid at Uttar Brajapur, near Bishalgarh in Tripura;