

(a) the number of women employees in Indian Airlines;

(b) whether women employees are provided with pick-up and drop transport facility, especially during night shifts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what other facilities are provided to female employees during night shifts by Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) As on the 31st of March, 1990, there were 2533 women employees in Indian Airlines.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Women employees in Indian Airlines are provided with transport facilities as and when posted at odd hours. Women employees are at present deployed in night shift only at Bombay and they are provided with transport facility. Airhostesses are provided pick up and drop facility from their residence irrespective of their duty timings.

(d) Female employees of Indian Airlines are provided with exclusive rest room and canteen facilities. They are posted in areas where police is available round the clock in addition to Indian Airlines' own security personnel. Airhostesses, whenever night stopping at outstations, are provided with hotel accommodation.

#### **Use of Natural Gas and Coal as Energy**

4128. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage use of coal and natural gas as sources of energy in place of petroleum products in order to reduce import of crude; and

(b) if so, the details of measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Use of coal and Natural gas is encouraged to relieve pressure on liquid petroleum products. Annual production of coal increased from about 147 million tonnes at the beginning of the VII Plan to about 200 million tonnes in 1989-90. Similarly, natural gas utilisation increased from the level of about 11 million cubic metres per day in 1984-85 to about 27 million cubic metres per day in 1989-90. Coal is being supplied to industries like power, steel, cement etc. Similarly natural gas is being supplied for power and fertilizer plants and various industrial uses. Production of both coal and gas would increase substantially during the VIII Plan period and supplies would be made to these and other industries on a much larger scale than at present.

#### **Over crowding at Savarde (Goa)**

4129. PROF. GOPAL RAO MAYEKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about health hazards and accidents due to over-crowding of overloading sites at Savarde Station, in Goa; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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#### **B.G. Link to Maunath Bhanjan**

4130. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to connect Maunath Bhanjan with broad-gauge railway line by constructing a bridge on river