

(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.

[*Translation*]

#### **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

Ganga from Todighat railway station in Ghazipur district for the over all development of Ghazipur in pursuance of the recommendations of the Patel Commission;

(b) if so, whether work has been started on this project;

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to include this project for implementation in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Mau Jn. has been connected by B.G. after conversion of Bhatni-Mau M.G. section. It will also be connected by B.G. to Varanasi when Mau-Varanasi section is opened during this year. There is, however, no proposal to construct bridge over river Ganga at Tarighat to connect Mau by a B.G. line.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand there is no such proposal at present.

[English]

### **Tehri Dam Project**

4131. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:  
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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure involved so far on the construction of the Tehri Dam Project;

(b) the time by which it will be commissioned; and

(c) the estimated generation of power in megawatts?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) An expenditure of

about Rs. 448.25 crores has been incurred so far on the construction of Tehri Dam Project.

(b) The Project is expected to be commissioned by June, 1997.

(c) Tehri Dam Project has an installed power generating capacity of 1000 MW.

### **Guidelines to Public Sector Enterprises**

4132. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises to public sector enterprises during the last two years regarding award of contracts for procuring machinery, civil aviation jobs recruitment, promotion and wages; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). In the last two years a few guidelines on wages only have been issued. The important guidelines relate to payment of interim relief to workers and executives; raising the limits of House Rent Allowances without rent receipt and City Compensatory Allowances to employees following 3rd Central Pay Commission Dearness Allowance formula raising the ceiling limit of wage increases applicable to new wage agreements and raising the rate of Provident Fund contribution.

### **LPG Agency in Tamil Nadu**

4133. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies allotted in Tamil Nadu so far, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to allot more LPG agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?