

quotas at other stations, there is no proposal for the present to enhance the quota at Ghazipur station.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Waiting List of LPG Connections in U.P.**

4289. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the waiting list for LPG connections in Uttar Pradesh as on 31 March, 1990, district-wise; and

(b) the time by which all these applicants are likely to get LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

#### **Oil and Gas Resources in Jaisalmer and Barmer**

4290. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to exploit oil and gas resources in Jaisalmer and Barmer areas in Rajasthan; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited are exploring in Rajasthan. While ONGC is operating in both the areas of Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajast-

han, Oil India Limited's activities are confined to Jaisalmer area. Since 1982, ONGC have drilled 15 wells. Besides, 2 wells are under drilling and one well is under testing. Hydrocarbon Gas bearing fields of Manhera Tibba and Ghotaru in Jaisalmer area are under delineation by ONGC and development plans leading to exploitation of gas reserves would be formulated after completion of delineation drilling. There has been no oil or gas strike in Barmer area so far.

Oil India Ltd. has already drilled 4 exploratory wells in Jaisalmer basin and have discovered commercial quantities of natural gas in Tanot and East Tanot structures of Jaisalmer district. There are also good indications of the presence of gaseous hydrocarbons at Ramgarh in Jaisalmer district. The 5th exploratory well in Dandewala of West Tanot area in Jaisalmer district is being presently drilled by Oil India Limited. This well has also indicated the presence of gas. Detailed production testing of this well will be taken up after the drilling of this well is completed.

#### **Short Measuring In Petrol**

4291. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the short measuring of petrol by petrol pumps all over the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Complaints regarding short measurement of petrol by petrol pumps are received off and on.

(b) The oil companies and the Weights and Measures Departments conduct regular

and random inspections of Petrol pumps and take necessary action against the defaulters.

#### **Quota of Berths at Jhunjhunu Station**

4292. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation quota has been provided at Jhunjhunu railway station in trains to Bombay and Delhi;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to provide reservation quota of berths from Jhunjhunu in trains from Bombay and Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). The following reservation quotas are already available at Jhunjhunu station in trains towards Bombay and Delhi.

- (1) 2 Second Class berths by 2904 Frontier Mail for Bombay.
- (2) 8 Second class berths by 9024 Ferozepur-Bombay Janata Express
- (3) 2 First Class berths and 27 Second Class berths by 9734 Shekhavati Express for Delhi.

#### **Engineering Workshop at Arakkonam (T.N.)**

4293. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any

proposal to modernise and expand the Railway Engineering Workshop unit at Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Modernisation of Engineering Workshop at Arakkonam has already been sanctioned in Railways' Works programme of 1989-90.

(b) The modernisation programme envisages developing infrastructural facilities to augment the production capacity of points and crossings, replacement of the existing sheds of machine, fitter and signal shop, provision of additional covered accommodation, and overhead gantries for material handling.

#### **Gas availability in Tamil Nadu**

4294. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of gas available in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the gas production in Tamil Nadu is sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Presently about 0.23 MMCMD of natural gas is being produced in Cauveri Basin.

(b) Keeping in view the availability of gas, supply is now being made to seven consumers. There have been a number of demands for gas supply from various other industries, especially in the power sector, in Tamil Nadu. The present level of production is not sufficient to meet all the demands that have been made for gas allocation.