

submit their representations, if any, to the Standing Committee for consideration.

### Overbridge at Rajaji Salai (Madras)

87. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of an overbridge at the northern end of the North Beach Road, now named Rajaji Salai in Madras;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The proposal is for construction of a new road overbridge in replacement of the two existing level crossings between Madras Beach and Royapuram Stations. The cost of the Bridge proper has been furnished by the Southern Railway to the State Government, who have to finalise the scheme for the work and sponsor it, for inclusion in Railways' Works Programme.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

### New Platform at Salekasa Station

88. PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the citizens of Salekasa regarding construction of the new platform on the southern side at Salekasa railway station of South Eastern Railway, as was planned earlier;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far thereon;

(c) whether there was any proposal to change its location; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir, a representation was received. However, there is no proposal as yet for providing an additional platform as the existing platforms are considered adequate.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[English]

### Setting up of a Piston Pin Project in Orissa

89. SHRIGOPINATH GAJAPATHI: SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government had issued a letter of intent in favour of the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. to set up a Piston Pin Project in a 'No Industry District' of Orissa;

(b) whether the project was to be set up in joint sector; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by IPICOL to set up the Project and when the production is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation Ltd. Orissa was issued a

letter of intent for the manufacture of piston pin at Tehsil Rairangpur Distt. Mayurbhanj. This letter lapsed, and a new letter of intent was issued to the Corporation for the same project on 24.7.84, which was transferred in the name of M/s. Associated Pistons Ltd. on 30.4.85. The Government also approved a foreign collaboration for this project on 25.5.85. The letter of intent dated 24.7.84 again lapsed, as the company failed to implement the project within the stipulated period. In the meantime, the auto-ancillary industry was delicensed and the company was advised to go for registration under delicensing scheme, if they were interested in the project.

#### Setting up of Natural Gas Grid

90. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a national gas grid; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). National gas grid is a part of a long term perspective plan for natural gas transportation and utilisation. Its implementation will depend upon finding adequate quantity of gas for transportation through such a grid. The only interstate gas pipeline so far set up is the HBJ Pipeline.

#### Production of Coal during 1989-90

91. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the target set and the actual achievement regarding production of coal during the year 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): The overall target for

coal production during the current financial year (1989-90) was fixed at 209.50 million tonnes as per the following break up:—

Coal India Limited	183.50	million tonnes
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	21.50	"
Captive mines of TISCO, IISCO and DVC	4.50	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>209.50</b>	<b>million tonnes</b>

During the first 11 months of the current year (i.e. April, 1989 to February, 1990) total production of coal has been 177.10 million tonnes.

[Translation]

#### Modernisation of Railways

92. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item Captioned "Bhartiya Railway Ko Adhunik Banane Ki Yojana Vicharadhin" appeared in the 'Dainik Tribune' dated 26 January, 1990;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this scheme; and

(d) the time schedule for implementation of the scheme?

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

(b) Modernisation is a continuous process. For a high speed line between Delhi and