

[*Translation*]**Vacant Posts Reserved for SC/ST**

104. SHRIRAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in his Ministry and since when; and

(b) the action being taken to fill up these posts?

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

[*English*]**Privatisation of Indian Oil Corporation's Capital**

105. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation has requested to Government to allow 25 per cent privatisation of its capita;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) (a) No, Sir;

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Gas Pipeline Linking Bombay High with Southern States

106. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for laying a gas pipeline linking Bombay High with four southern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). An Inter-Ministerial Committee is being appointed to examine the various issues pertaining to the construction of Southern Gas Grid.

Madras Rapid Transport Railway System

107. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Rapid Transport Railway System will be completed during 1990-91;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total cost of the project and the amount allocated so far as the purpose?

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

(b) (i) Resources constraint.

(ii) The State Government of Tamil Nadu are yet to hand over a portion of the land required for construction of the project.

(c) (i) Present sanctioned cost = Rs. 108.21 crores.