

[*Translation*]**Setting up of Industry in North-West Bihar**

196 SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for exploring the possibilities for establishing any large industry in the North West Bihar

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and

(c) the programmes for development of small scale industries in that area?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) Government of Bihar has got a survey conducted for exploring possibilities of setting up of large industries in North West Bihar

(b) According to the information furnished by the State Govt, there is potential for setting up bagasse based paper project, Industrial Alcohol, Acetic Acid and other down stream Molasses based industries and new sugar mills in that region of the State

(c) The development of small scale industries in a particular State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Government of India supplements their efforts by way of provision of institutional support and a package of incentives and concessions like concessional finance, excise benefits, marketing support through reservation of items for exclusive production, reservation of items for purchase from small scale Units, supply of machinery on hire-purchase, technical consultancy services, testing facilities, common facility services, provision of industrial accommodation and other infrastructural facilities

Gap between Demand and Supply of Power

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the gap between the total demand and supply of energy in the country

(b) the efforts being made to bridge this gap and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make more power available in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) During the period April, 1989 to February, 1990, there was a shortage of about 7.9% of energy in the country

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of T & D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas

(c) Priority is generally accorded in the matter of power supply to agricultural consumers with an assured supply of at least six to eight hours per day

Conversion of Sivan-Thave-Chhapra M.G. Line and starting of Additional Train

198 SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal for the conversion of Sivan Thave-Chhapra (metre-gauge) North-Eastern Railway line into broad-gauge;

(b) whether it is also proposed to start an additional fast train on this route; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). There is no such proposals at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail Link to Hilly Areas of Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh

199. SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI: Will

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to link inaccessible hilly areas of Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh with railway lines;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). After conducting surveys, construction of the following new lines has been approved to link inaccessible hilly areas of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh:-

State	Line	Length (in km)	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
Orissa	1. Talcher-Sambalpur	172	100.00
	2. Koraput-Rayagada	164	322.00
Madhya Pradesh	1. Guna-Etawah	348	248.00
	2. Satna-Rewa	50	30.00
	3. Godhra-Indore & Dewas Maksi	316	297.14

[English]

Oil Crisis

200. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study to meet oil crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the study under-

taken in this regard;

(c) whether the demand of oil is increasing rapidly and Government are facing great difficulties in meeting the demand; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d). The demand for oil has been increasing rapidly in the last few