

made available to all these headquarters by the end of this year; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No Sir. There is no such proposal at present, under the consideration of the Government.

(b) LPG is not marketed in 28 of the 89 block headquarters in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Jammu
Jammu-Udhampur Rail Line

3113. SHRI DHARAM PAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in construction work of Jammu-Udhampur railway line; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 21%

(b) Rs. 40 crores upto 3/90.

[Translation]

Mir
Submerge of Machines in Collieries of Vishrampur

3114. SHRI A. LARANG SAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether flood water entered into one of the collieries in Vishrampur as a result of which several machines were submerged;

(b) if so, the amount spent on flushing

out water and retrieving the machines from the colliery;

(c) the number of days for which the colliery remained unoperative due to inundation and the amount of loss suffered;

(d) whether the machines have been brought out of the colliery and the colliery made operative; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (e). Due to very heavy rain on 6-7 May, 1990 there was a flash flood in Pasang Nallah as a result of which flood water entered Quarry No. 7 of Bisrampur Colliery. Three shovels, two drills and one crane got drowned. The entire dewatering operation was executed with available departmental work force and resources. However, an estimated additional expenditure on account of extra electric power consumed to the tune of Rs. 1.06 lakhs and for new pumps and fittings costing Rs. 4.65 lakhs (approx.) were spent for retrieving the machine and making the mine operative. The new pumps and fittings shall, however, be available for use in other mines of SECL in similar crisis. The mine was dewatered by 22-5-90 and total loss of coal is estimated at 30,000 tonnes

[English]

Drugs and Medicines
New Drug Policy

3115. SHRI AJIT PANJA:
SHRI BHABANI SHANKAR HOTA:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA DOME:
SHRI NAKUL NAYAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate a new drug policy;

(b) if so, the details of its salient features?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Government is currently reviewing the Drug Policy, 1986. This exercise is in progress.

[Translation] 12/9

Complaints Against LPG Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

3116. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding the allotment of LPG agencies in violation of the guidelines and the declared policy in this regard during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action in the matter; and

(c) the number of applications received regarding allotment of new gas agencies from Rajgarh, Guna, Vidisha, Shajapur and Dewas districts in Madhya Pradesh during the last one year and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Selection for LPG distributorships is done by specially constituted Oil Selection Boards (OSBs) headed by retired High Court Judges. No complaints regarding allotment of LPG distributorship in violation of the selection policy guidelines have been received from Madhya Pradesh during the last 3 years. However, as a policy any complaint received against selection of LPG distributors is duly investigated and remedial action taken, wherever found necessary.

(c) No LPG distributorship in these

districts was advertised during the last one year.

[English] Railways

Frequency of Vidarbha Express Train

3117. SHRI SUDAM DATTATRYA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand for increasing the frequency of Vidarbha Express (Nagpur-Bombay-Nagpur of Central Railway) and making it a Daily train; and

(b) whether there is a rising demand for starting Daily express train from Gondia (last important station of Eastern Maharashtra) to Bombay, the Capital of Maharashtra; if so, when this extension is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, but not found feasible due to operational/resource constraints.

Reactions to new Industrial Policy

3118. SHRI NARASINGRAO SURYAWANSHI:

SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MEWAR:

DR. SUDHI RAY:

SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:

SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU:

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

SHRI A.K. ROY:

PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:

SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:

PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

SHRI HARISH PAL:

DR. BENGALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: