

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

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

LPG Plant at Chelari in Malappuram,
Kerala

3174. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of LPG Plant at Chelari in Malappuram district of Kerala has been completed; and

(b) if not, when it is likely to be completed and commence production; and

(c) the number of gas cylinders expected to be produced in the plants by the company per day?

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

(b) The LPG bottling plant at Chelari is expected to be completed by November, 1991 and bottling is likely to commence from December, 1991.

(c) The installed capacity of the plants is 10,000 Metric Tonne per annum which works out to approximately 2,400 LPG cylinders per day.

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Vayudoot Service from Gaya to Patna

3175. DR. SHAIENDRANATH SHRIVASTAVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Gaya, Rajgir and Parasnath with Patna through Vayudoot service; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Shortage of aircraft capacity and paucity of other resources do not permit introduction of more services by Vayudoot Limited in the near future.

Demand and Availability of Power in Bihar

3176. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the daily demand and availability of power in Bihar;

(b) whether any request have been made by the State Government to Government for the supply of more power; and

(c) if so, the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) During the period April-July, 1990, the average daily energy requirement in Bihar was about 17.3 Million Units (MU) against which the overall availability was 13.1 MU/day.

(b) and (c). A request was made by the Government of Bihar in October, 1989 for supply of 300 MW of power from the Northern Grid. It has not been possible to make any firm allocation of power to Bihar from the Central Sector power stations in the Northern Region, which are to meet the requirement of the constituents of the Northern Region. Bihar forms part of the Eastern Grid. However, Bihar has been provided assistance from the Northern Grid, whenever the system conditions permit. During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto July, 1990) Bihar received 234 MU and 179 MU respectively

from the Northern Grid. This was besides the assistance provided to Bihar from the Central Sector stations in the Eastern Region.

[Translation]

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Manmad-Aurangabad Railway Line

[English]

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Import of Crude Oil from Middle East

3177. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about four lakh tonnes of crude oil has been imported from some countries of Middle East during this month;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of countries from which this has been imported;

(c) the arrangement of these supplies and payments made thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to get some more supplies from some more countries of Middle East; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e). Planned imports crude oil for the month of August are more than one million tonne including imports from the middle east countries. These imports are made both under term contract with the National Oil Companies of oil producing countries and through purchases under spot market. Payments are made in accordance with the terms of payment as agreed to under various contracts. Efforts are being made to get additional quantities of crude oil from various oil producing countries including the middle east countries to meet the shortfall of crude oil because of recent developments in the middle east. It will take some time before the final outcome of those efforts is known.

3178. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Manmad-Aurangabad-Parbhani railway line has begun;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) if not, the difficulties being faced in the commencement of this work;

(d) the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) when the said railway line is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 65.1% of the work has been completed upto 30.6.1990 on Manmad-Aurangabad portion.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Rs. 148 crores approximately.

(e) The conversion work for Manmad to Aurangabad is planned for completion during 1991-92. However, no target date has been fixed for completion of the balance portion of this project.

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Eklakhi-Balughat Railway Line

3179. SHRI PALAS BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: