

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). As per information available, the State of Andhra Pradesh has achieved cent percent electrification of villages as per 1981 Census, by the end of March, 1990.

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Production of Wheelsets

3189. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:
 SHRI R.N. RAKESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of wheelsets made by Wheels and Axle Plants, Bangalore during the last three years and the total number of wheelsets imported by Govern-

ment during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the production capacity of wheelsets in the country; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The total number of Wheelsets produced by Wheels and Axle Plant, Bangalore and also the total number of wheelsets for which import orders were placed during the last three years viz 1987-88 to 1989-90 are 63422 and 35239 respectively.

(b) and (c). Wheelsets are being manufactured in the country by Wheel & Axle Plant, Bangalore (WAP) and Durgapur Steel Plant. There are plans to increase the capacity as under by the end of the Eighth Plan;

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Annual level of Supplies in terms of Wheels</i>	
	<i>Present</i>	<i>After expansion</i>
WAP	60,000	84,000
Durgapur Steel Plants (DSP)	25,000	80,000

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Long Distance Trains Beyond Ahmedabad to Viramgam

3190. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJI SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the long distance new trains beyond Ahmedabad to Viramgam and ahead implemented by the Railways on Western Railway tracks in the last three years; and

(b) the details of utilisation percentages of track beyond Ahmedabad to Viramgam,

Hapa and Gandhidham on broad gauge, separately?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) 1269/1270 Rajkot-Ahmedabad-Bhopal Express from April 1988, 2997/2998 Hapa-Rajkot-Ahmedabad-Jammu Tawi Express from May 1990, 2603/2604 Trivandrum-Ahmedabad and 2731/2732 Secunderabad-Ahmedabad Expresses extended upto Rajkot from May 1989, 9153/9154 Ahmedabad-Rajkot Inter-city Express extended upto Hapa (3 days a week from November 1989 and 6 days a week from May 1990).