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**Setting up of Gas Based Power Plants in Madhya Pradesh**

\*51. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to set up gas based power-plants in Madhya Pradesh has been approved ;

(b) if so, the places where such plants are likely to be set up ; and

(c) the production capacity thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The proposal to establish a gas based thermal plant by Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board at Bhandar Tehsil of Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh with capacity of 817 MW has been received. The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has been requested to obtain fuel linkage and other statutory clearances.

[*English*]

**Loss to Railways due to Agitations**

\*52. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANT RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to agitations and violence in the various parts of the country during the last one year ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for the security of railway property ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Nearly Rs. 125 crores in 1990-91.

(b) The maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

**Flaring of Natural Gas**

\*53. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of the natural gas being flared each year and since when it is happening ?

(b) the steps taken so far to stop this wastage ;

(c) the outcome thereof ;

(d) the action plan, if any, for the future ;

(e) whether the Government have approached the World Bank in this regard ;

(f) if so, the details of the proposal made; and

(g) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (g) Natural Gas is being flared since 1957-58. During 1990-91 approximately 5161 Million Cubic Meters of gas of an estimated value of Rs. 720 crores was flared.