

(d) the loss suffered by Railways as a result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) Close co-ordination is being maintained with the coal producing authorities and the Ministry of Steel and Mines for augmenting supplies of steam coal to the Railways. Given normal conditions of working, it will be possible to build up coal stocks to levels of 6 to 7 days.

(d) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Guide Lines for Economy in use of Oil

2725 SHRI R V SWAMINATHAN
SHRI P M MEHTA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether any guidelines have been evolved to economise use of oil,

(b) whether there is any differences between Ministry and the Planning Commission in this regard

(c) if so the facts thereof, and

(d) what steps are being taken to give clear guidance to the country in regard to the use of oil in view of the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) The Standing Committee on Furnace Oil has formed a sub group to evolve guidelines for effecting economies in the use of oil. Technical bodies like NPC are being associated in the group. Some industries have themselves evolved measures for economy in fuel oil consumption and these are also being recommended to other industries.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A Standing Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary and Director General Technical Development for this purpose. This Committee will evolve and communicate suitable guidelines in this regard to the industries.

Overcrowding in Suburban Trains of Calcutta and Madras

2726 SHRI P G MAVAIANKAR
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is tremendous pressure on and overcrowding in the suburban trains operating in Calcutta and Madras and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to give relief and comforts to the millions of daily travelling passengers on the said suburban trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) Yes

(b) Consistent with the availability of requisite resources by way of line capacity terminal capacity, rolling stock etc additional suburban trains are introduced to meet the needs of traffic in Madras and Calcutta.

Suspension of Drilling Operations in Gujarat

2727 SHRI P G MAVAIANKAR
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether drilling and other operations have been suspended and/or stopped permanently by ONGC in some oil fields hitherto tapped in Gujarat,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the losses incurred on account such closures?