

(ग) रूस से इस सहायता से पूर्व जो कमी होनी थी उसकी तुलना में अब भी कितने प्रतिशत कमी रह जायेगी ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्रालय के
उप मंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खा)

(क) से (ग).—भारत रूस से किसी प्रकार का पेट्रोल (मोटर स्पिरिट) आयात नहीं करता है।

Amendment to Delhi Electric Control Order for Supply of Power to Slum Dwellers

21. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5209 on the 18th December, 1973 regarding amendment to Delhi Electric Control Order for supply of power to slum dwellers and state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to provide electricity to the residents of jhuggi jhonpri and slums dwellers by amending the existing provisions of the Delhi Electric Control Order; and

(b) the reasons for delay in taking steps in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). It has been reported by the Delhi Administration that the matter is still under consideration.

Uneconomic Railway Lines

22. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given

to Unstarred Question No. 1358 on the 20th November, 1973 regarding uneconomic Railway lines and state:

(a) the total losses suffered by uneconomic Railway lines including dividend payment to General Revenues during the last three years; and

(b) the concrete and positive steps taken to improve the situation on these Railway lines during the last year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The total losses suffered on uneconomic branch lines, excluding dividend payments to the General Revenues during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 were as under:

Year	Rs. in crores
1970-71	8.71
1971-72	9.88

The amount of loss for the year 1972-73 is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

From 1.4.71, the capital cost on uneconomic branch lines is exempted from payment of dividend. The amount of dividend paid in 1970-71 is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House

(b) A statement showing the steps taken to reduce the loss in the working of the uneconomic branch lines is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Statement showing steps taken to reduce the losses on the uneconomic branch lines

Some of the measures taken to improve the earning and to reduce the working expenses of the uneconomic branch lines are indicated below:-

(1) The question of converting certain narrow-gauge lines into broad gauge is being considered.