

a long term measure to meet petrol and diesel crunch in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The growth in consumption of petroleum products has decreased from 8.1 per cent in 1989-90 to 1.3 per cent in 1990-91 due to a number of factors. It is not possible to attribute the lower growth in consumption in 1990-91 to any single factor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

PROFIT/LOSS BY VAYUDOOT

969. **SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH :** Will the Minister of **CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM** be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of profit earned or losses suffered by the introduction of Vayudoot services in various sectors so far;

(b) the income being earned under various heads by the Indian Airlines from Vayudoot service; and

(c) the area-wise details of passengers benefited with the Vayudoot service so far ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The accumulated losses of Vayudoot Limited are estimated to be of order of Rs. 120.00 crores as on 31st December, 1990.

(b) During the last two financial years, Indian Airlines has raised bills on Vayudoot to the extent of approximately Rs. 15 crores per year. But these bills have remained unpaid.

(c) The number of passengers carried by Vayudoot during the last three years was as under :—

1988-89 : 5.23 lakhs

1989-90 : 5.61 lakhs

1990-91 : 4.42 lakhs

REPLACING OF STEAM ENGINES WITH DIESEL ENGINES

970. **SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH : SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV :** Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains being run with steam-engines, zone-wise;

(b) the details of the criteria adopted to replace steam engines with diesel and to accord priority to them; and

(c) whether the Government propose to replace steam engines with diesel engines in Bihar on priority basis during 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A statement giving the information is attached.

(b) and (c) Diesel engines meant for passenger carrying trains are primarily utilised for long distance mail/express trains. Replacement of steam engines by diesel engines is a continuous process depending upon availability of diesel locomotives. However, dieselisation of trains is not undertaken state-wise.

STATEMENT

The number of trains being run with steam engines, Railway-wise is given below :—

Railway	No. of trains run with steam engines
Central	186
Eastern	289
Northern	356
N. Eastern	426