- (c) the details of the allocation likely to be made during the Eighth Five Year Plan, village-wise;
- (d) whether any increase in this allocation is likely to be made; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per the available information, out of the 870 inhabited villages in Jahanabad district, as per 1981 census, 744 villages have been electrified by the end of March, 1991.

(b) to (e) District-wise electrification programme is finalised at the State level, based on the availability of funds and relative priority fixed by the State Government. Overall targets for electrification in respect of Bihar during Eighth Plan period has not yet been finalised.

Oil and Natural Gas Reserves in Uttar Pradesh

*325. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge reserves of oil and natural gas have been found in Uttar Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the places where oil has been struck?

THE MINISTER OF PETRO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Transfer of Waltair Division

1726. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to transfer the Waltair Division from South Eastern Zone to South Central Zone; and
- (b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has made any request in this regard; and if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

However, in view of operational and administrative imperatives, the transfer of Waltair Division from South Eastern Railway to South Central Railway has not been found to be feasible.

Vayudoot Service to Assam

1727. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any air service for the two hill districts of Karbi Anglong and N.C. Hills of Assam;
- (b) if not, whether the Government propose to link these two districts with the rest of the country by Helicopter or Varudoot service in the first phase; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Railway/Projects in Balasore

1728. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state: the details of works completed and