

that they achieve the necessary statutory surplus of 3%. They have been persuaded to take steps like equity participation, provision of specific grant to meet the losses for supply of power to the agriculture sector, revision of tariff, improving the performance of generating stations, reducing T & D losses, for improved financial health of the SEBs.

### STATEMENT

*Yearly Profit/Loss of the State Electricity Boards in the Northern Region after taking into account RE Subsidy as provided in the Accounts*

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	SEBs.	Profit/Loss		
		1988	1989	1990
1.	Haryana	---80.90	---52.13	---67.77
2.	Himachal Pradesh	---16.60	71.00	---5.90
3.	Punjab	---5.00	---68.10	---57.80
4.	Rajasthan	---65.90	---57.20	---147.80*
5.	Uttar Pradesh	40.80	41.50*	89.70*

\*Provisional/Unaudited.

#### Under-Weight LPG Cylinders

1889. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:  
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:  
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

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

(a) the number and details of complaints regarding under-weight LPG cylinders and their black-marketing, received by the Government during 1990-91 and upto 30 June, 1991, particularly in Delhi and Ghaziabad; and

(b) the action taken on each complaint?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Out of 38 complaints received, only seven could be substantiated. Erring distributors are being dealt under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

#### Snags in Airbus A-320

1890. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:  
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:  
SHRI P. C. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of snags that ushered in Airbus A-320 after re-induction thereof in the Indian Airlines fleet;

(b) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to ensure the timely checking of the snags for the sake of safety of the travelling public;

(c) whether drag-chute of an Airbus A-320 on its regular flight from Calcutta to Bangalore opened up recently;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the matter has been enquired into and if so, the results thereof; and

(f) the number of Airbus A-320 grounded during 1991 and the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) and (b) There have been certain minor snags in the operation of Airbus A-320 aircraft. Such snags are not unusual in aircraft operations. No serious snags have been encountered after the reintroduction. Indian Airlines has been exercising due vigilance and caution in promptly rectifying such snags and there has been no compromise in ensuring the safety of operations.

(c) to (e) There was an incident of inadvertent deployment of the escape slide chute by an Airhostess at Bangalore. Suitable action has been taken against the airhostess.

(f) Two A-320 aircraft have been on ground for major check (Check 'C').

#### **Alleppey-Kayankulam Railway Line**

1891. **SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:**

**SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far and the expenditure incurred on Alleppey-Kayankulam railway line;

(b) whether there is any hurdle in the construction of the railway bridge at Valenjvazh/Ambalapuzha on the said line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) 70% Expenditure upto 31-3-1991 is Rs. 37.91 crores and outlay for 1991-92 is Rs. 1.16 crores.

(b) and (c) Certain matters regarding the construction of a Road Over

Bridge at Valenjvazh/Ambalapuzha have not been resolved with the Ministry of Surface Transport, but the same is not going to delay opening of this line. The line will be opened with a temporary level crossing at the above site.

#### **LPG Connections in Tamil Nadu**

1892. **SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered for LPG connections during the last three years in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of connections released out of them; and

(c) the pending list thereof district-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) 8,46,128.

(b) 1,95,003.

(c) Releasing LPG connection is a continuous process and therefore it is difficult to give the definite district-wise figures.

#### **Privatisation of Power Generation in Tamil Nadu**

1893. **SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:**

**SHRI ANBARASU ERA:**

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise power generation in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the names of the private parties who are likely to be engaged and the quantum of power likely to be generated thereby?