

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The sale price of accessories like hot plates, burner, rubber pipes, etc., is not fixed by the Govt.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Development Activities of ONGC in Amlapuram Area of East Godavari District

1902. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) proposed to share the finance in construction of roads, bridges and other developmental activities in Amlapuram area of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh where oil drilling operations by the ONGC have been going on;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) ONGC has considered in principle, to give some loan for the construction of roads and bridges in East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna districts subject to certain conditions.

[Translation]

Railway Line Between Shahganj and Mau

1903. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to lay broad gauge railway line between Shahganj and Mau or to convert the existing line on this route into broad-gauge during the coming years; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be cleared?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Late Running of Indore-Malwa Express

1904. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of late running of the Indore-Malwa express during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether this train gets late between Indore and Bhopal due to halt at Bhopal outer; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 Malwa Express reached Indore right time on 272, 261 and 230 days and at New Delhi on 210, 258 and 199 days, respectively.

(b) Sometimes, due to operational reasons.

(c) A drive was launched in July, 1991, and the train reached New Delhi and Indore right time on 27 and 28 days, respectively during this month.

Reservation Facility at Azamgarh Railway Station

1905. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation facility provided at Azamgarh railway station for various trains has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to allot reservation quota for Azamgarh in all the trains starting from Varanasi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The reservation quota at Azamgarh has been reduced by 2 AC Sleeper and 11 second class berths due to poor utilisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Quotas are allotted keeping in view the overall availability of accommodation and the demand pattern at various stations. The quotas allotted in trains starting from Varanasi are being fully utilised leaving no scope for allotment of quota at Azamgarh railway station.

[English]

Railway Line from Meenambakkam to Avadi

1906. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a railway line from Meenambakkam via Porur, Villivakkam, Anna Nagar upto Avadi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Harassing of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh

1907. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the non-conventioned energy sources development programmes undertaken in the Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh during the last three

years with particulars of places where such programmes have been undertaken or completed;

(b) the development programmes to be undertaken under the Central Energy Development during the next three years;

(c) the outlay earmarked therefor, district-wise and specific scheme/programme-wise; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to accelerate the development of non-conventional energy sources in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) and (c) The non-conventional energy development programmes to be undertaken by the Central and State Governments during the next three years and outlays therefor, will be known when the Eighth Plan has been finalised.

(d) The measures taken include the promotion of research and development, implementation of demonstration programmes relating to the use of new and renewable energy systems and devices, undertaking public awareness and user training programmes, extending subsidies and incentives, strengthening State agencies and voluntary organisations, providing financial assistance on soft terms, and training and development of manpower.

Setting up of Urjagrams in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh

1908. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Urjagrams' set up in Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh so far;