

landing facilities in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Airports;

(b) if so, the latest stage of this proposal; and

(c) the likely date by which this proposal will be implemented?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) to (c) *Vijayawada*: This airport belongs to National Airports Authority. Night Landing Facilities are being provided by the National Airports Authority at this airport. The work of installation of High Intensity Runway lighting system, Taxiway lighting, Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) and Visual Approach-Slope Indicator (VASI) is in progress.

*Visakhapatnam*: This airport was handed over to Indian Navy in March, 1986. Indian Navy has plans to provide night landing facilities at this airport during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

**Income and Expenditure of South Central Railway**

1912. **SHRI SOBHANADRE-ESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned in the various divisions of the South Central Railway Zone (division-wise) during the last three years; and

(b) the amount spent towards improving passenger amenities division-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) The information is not compiled Division-wise but Railway-wise.

(b) Amount spent towards improving passenger amenities on South Central Railway division-wise for the last three years i.e. 1988-89 to 1990-91 is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>Division</i>	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Secunderabad . . . . .	19.89	31.61	26.23
Hyderabad . . . . .	33.66	32.79	40.83
Vijayawada . . . . .	35.30	38.82	31.69
Hubli . . . . .	20.53	31.58	24.01
Guntakal . . . . .	21.20	80.72	67.17

**Criteria for allotting LPG Agencies**

1913. **SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:**  
**SHRI RAM KAPSE:**

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

(a) the procedure for applying for the allotment of an LPG agency;

(b) the criteria for the allotment of LPG agencies;

(c) the reservations made for different categories;

(d) the details of the LPG agencies allotted during the last two years, category-wise; and

(e) the number of LPG agencies proposed to be allotted during the next six months, category-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) to (c) New LPG distributorships are based on factors including population of towns, economic viability, marketing plan and eligibility criteria for candidates etc. Reservations are provided for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Freedom Fighters, Physically Handicapped and defence category.

(d) 275 LPG distributorships including 81 in the reserved categories were allotted during 1989-91. Letters of Intent issued since December, 1989 are being reviewed.

(e) LPG distributorships are opened in different cities as per marketing plans and policy in force from time to time.

#### **Allotment of Wagons for Solapur Station**

1914. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of wagons per month at Solapur railway station of Central Railway;

(b) the percentage of wagons made available during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make available sufficient number of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average requirement of wagons per month at Solapur Railway Station during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 has been 363 and 425, respectively.

(b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 the percentage of requirement met was 99 and 100, respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Natural Gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin**

1915. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated availability of natural gas in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(b) the details of the plans for utilizing this gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) It is estimated that 4.29 MMSCMD of gas would be produced by 1994-95. Various allocations have been made to the prospective consumers.

#### **Air Service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam**

1916. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a direct air service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam which was introduced in 1988-89 has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-introduce this service in view of the increased passenger traffic on this route; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Boeing-737 service which was introduced with effect from 1-11-89 between Delhi and Visakhapatnam (via Raipur) was withdrawn from 20-11-89 due to reduction in aircraft capacity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) With the present availability of aircraft capacity, it is not possible for Indian Airlines to re-introduce a direct service between Delhi and Visakhapatnam.

#### **Electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam Line**

1917. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification work on Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam railway line is in progress;