

(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 PETROLEUM 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 Vayudoot 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 RAILWAYS be pleased to state: the details of works completed and

target dates fixed for the completion of the ongoing railway projects in Balasore on the Kharagpur-Khurda Road Section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Hard Coke in Bihar

1729. SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state the quantity of Hard Coke supplied during 1990-91 and upto June '91 in Hazaribagh and Ranchi districts of Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): According to information furnished by Coal India (CIL) the quantity of hard coke supplied by CIL sources during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (April-June) to Ranchi and Hazaribagh Districts of Bihar is as under:—

District	(Figures to tonnes)	
	1990-91	1991-92 (April-June)
Ranchi	1556	287
Hazaribagh	Nil	Nil

Transfers of Officers at Samastipur

1730. SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway officers/employees, posted at one place for more than three years in the North Eastern Railway particularly in Samastipur division;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of the officers/employees posted at the stations, near to their home, village or city in Samastipur division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Direct Train Service from Thane to Bombay V.T.

1731. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Direct train service from Thane to Bombay V.T. (via Harbour line) was discontinued a few years back; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to run more suburban services on the main line.

Kotah Thermal Power Plant

1732. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to start a second unit of N.T.-P.C. in Kotah (Anto);

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the second unit was recommended to be set up at the said place keeping in view all the relevant factors; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the name of the other recommended place?