

(b) None so far either from the panel or from Vayudoot.

(c) As stated above, the panel report has not been processed.

(d) Government has directed the airline to consider selection of suitable employees from Vayudoot.

(e) Does not arise.

*[Translation]*

**LPG Agencies and Petrol/Diesel Retail outlets in Bihar**

4533. SHRI BHOGENBRA JHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the agencies of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies are likely to be opened at Jale and Bhavada in Darbhanga district and at Benipatti, Jainagar and Jhanjharpur of Madhubani district;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Sufficient potential has not been established at these locations for opening a viable retail outlet dealership or an LPG distributorship at present.

**Prices of Petrol and Diesel**

4534. SHRI S. N. VEKARIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the existing rates of petrol and diesel in major cities of the country

and the reasons for differences in the prices;

(b) whether the rates of petrol and diesel are highest in Gujarat, particularly, in Rajkot; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to bring uniformity in these rates?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Prices of Petrol and Diesel in four major cities are given in the Statement enclosed. Price of Petrol at Rajkot is amongst the highest. Prices vary because of freight, local levies etc. Prices are uniform ex-storage point.

**STATEMENT**

**Retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in four Major cities.**

	Rs./litre	
	Petrol (MS 87)	Diesel (HSD)
Bombay	16.40	5.62
Calcutta	15.18	5.21
Delhi	14.62	5.05
Madras	16.53	5.42

*[English]*

**Manufacture of EMU Rakes**

4535. SHRI B. RAJA RAVI VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture and supply more EMU rakes to Madras to cater to the growing suburban traffic there; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) 19 motor coaches are programmed for manufacture at ICF in 1991-92 for metre gauge suburban section of Southern Railway.

**Cancellation of Varanasi-Hatia Express**

4536. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Varanasi-Hatia bi-weekly express train has been cancelled and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any alternate train facility has been provided; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Due to extremely poor patronisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

**Modification of AC-II Class**

4537. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to replace AC First Class with AC II Class (2 Tier);

(b) whether there is also any scheme to modify the model of AC II Class (2 Tier) compartment to provide more privacy and security to women passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) and (c) In the M. G. A. C. II Class (2 Tier) coaches sliding doors have been provided in the cabins. On BG AC II Class (2 Tier) coaches, however, curtains have been provided as due to the provision of aisle side longitudinal berths, sliding doors cannot be accommodated.

There is no proposal to modify these arrangements.

*[Translation]*

**Reservation Quota for Kanpur**

4538. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have curtailed the reservation quota of Kanpur in Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the present quota of Kanpur in A.C.2 tier and chair car in this train;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the present quota; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The reservation quota at Kanpur has been reduced by 2 AC Sleeper berths and 5 AC Chair Car seats by 2302 UP Rajdhani Express train. The quota available at present at Kanpur is as under:—