

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) There are 12 and 15 posts reserved

for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively lying vacant in the Northern Region office of Indian Airlines. the details are given below :—

	Vacancies for Scheduled Castes	Vacancies for Scheduled Tribes
Peons	2	—
Loaders	6	2
Helpers	4	3
TOTAL	12	5

(c) Action is underway to fill up the vacant posts.

#### Transfers of TTEs

4649. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the transfer policy with regard the TTEs and the policy to get their names registered for transfer; and

(b) the number of cases not registered without assigning any reasons and the steps taken to register the names of all those TTEs who seek transfer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) TTEs hold sensitive posts and frequently come in contract with public and/or Contractors/Suppliers. they are to be transferred every four years. Besides, TTEs detected indulging in malpractices are also sent on inter-divisional transfers.

Transfers on requests (in recruitment grades only) to adjoining divisions on the same railway or on another railway are also considered based on priority of registration sub-

ject to availability of vacancies and administrative convenience. In addition mutual transfers are also considered, wherever feasible.

(b) Requests for transfer in proven cases of malpractices are not registered.

#### National Project for Bio-Gas Development

4650. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated and the amount actually spent in 1990-91 for the implementation of the National Project for Bio-gas Development;

(b) the details of the Bio-gas plants set up under this project, category-wise;

(c) whether any study has been made to assess the performance of Community Bio-gas plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) The revised budget alloca-

tion and actual expenditure incurred were Rs. 56.03 crores and Rs. 56.44 crores respectively.

(b) Under the National Project for Biogas Development (NPBD), over 1.65 lakh biogas plants have been set up. In addition, over 700 community/institutional biogas plants have been set up. There are no categories for installation of biogas plants under NPBD.

(c) and (d) A study conducted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research has shown that out of over 5000 NPBD biogas plants surveyed in 10 States/UT, about 79% were found working. An evaluation has shown that by and large the community/institutional biogas plants are also working satisfactorily.

NPBD = National Project for Biogas Development.

UT = Union Territories.

**Bio-Gas Plant at Ajit Singh Nagar, A. P.**

4651. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Bio-gas plant at Ajit Singh Nagar in Vijayawada district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the plant; and

(c) the stage at which this scheme stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) A proposal of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation for setting up a Sewage Gas Utilisation System was agreed to by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) in March, 1987. The estimated cost of the project was Rs. 28 lakhs and DNES had agreed to contribute Rs. 19.6 lakhs as grant-in-aid. In January, 1990, the project cost was revised to Rs. 46 lakhs including a DNES grant of Rs. 25 lakhs. The Municipal Corporation even now delayed implementation of the project and sought a still further increase in the project outlay and the grant-in-aid. This was not found acceptable by DNES and the Department has been constrained to withdraw its grant-in-aid.

**Coal Supply to Super Thermal Power Station at Manuguru**

4652. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of Coal likely to be produced in the coming years upto 1994-95;

(b) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of coal linkage from Manuguru coalfields to the proposed Super thermal power station at Manuguru;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?