GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2314 ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011 CONSUMPTION OF FUEL Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The quantum and value of diesel consumed by the Railways during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to use compressed natural Gas (CNG) and other alternative fuels; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Quantity and value of Diesel consumed by the Railways during the last three years for all purposes is as follows:-

Year Quantity (KLs) Value (Crores of Rs.)

2007-08 2327790 7252.0138 2008-09 2306989 7845.5267 2009-10 2446142 8187.2810

(b) to (c): Yes, Madam. It is proposed to use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Diesel in dual fuel mode on Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMUs). For this purpose, a project has been sanctioned for conversion of 100 DEMUs into dual fuel mode which is under implementation. Further, Railways propose to use bio-diesel, extracted from various sourses including Jatropha, blended with diesel on diesel locomotives. For this purpose, Railways have sanctioned a project for setting up of 4 bio-diesel estrification plants for production of bio-diesel.