

(c) About Rs. 950 crores.

[*Translation*]

New Train between Delhi and Meerut

70. SHRI HARISH PAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to meet the demand of the people Government propose to start a new train on Delhi-Meerut rail line;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Target for Electrification of Tracks

71. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL:
SHRI P. NARSA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the identified routes electrified till the end of 1989 as against the target, if any;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railway electrification targets have been considerably scaled down and if so, the new targets fixed and the routes proposed to be electrified; and

(c) the reasons for scaling down the electrification targets?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 9252 route kms. out of 12268 kms. of identified routes representing 75.42% have been electrified till the end of 1989-90 as against a target of 78.58%.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation from Indian Drug Manufacturing Association

72. PROF. GANESH KAPSE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association and the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India, Bombay in March, 1990 alongwith some concrete suggestions therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representation contained various suggestions of the Industry associations in connection with the review of Drug Policy, 1986, which is currently on. These suggestions, *inter-alia* cover a number of issues such as incentives to promote export of bulk drugs and quality control, review of items reserved for the public sector, rationalisation and simplification of DPCO, 1987, ratio parameters, R&D etc. These are being

taken into account in the process of review.

Rail Accidents

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

(a) the number of accidents occurred during the last three years and the number of passengers died;

(b) the amount of compensation given to each of the victims of rail accidents; and

(c) the number of dependents of railway employees given employment on compassionate grounds during that period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There were a total of 1689 train accidents during the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90. 389 passengers lost their lives in these accidents.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Discovery of Natural Gas in West Champaran, Bihar

74. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas has been struck at Joga-Patti test site of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in West Champaran, Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make the natural gas available for commercial use and for setting up of gas based power station there?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tuticorin Power Station of Tamil Nadu

76. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor coal supply has hit Tuticorin Power Station in Tamil Nadu recently; and

(b) if so, details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Due to adequate initial stocks of coal at the Tuticorin Thermal Power Station, the recent drop in the linked coal supplies has not so far resulted in the reduction of the power generation.

[*Translation*]

Production of Motor Vehicles

77. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been decrease in the production of motor vehicles during the year 1990;

(b) if so, the categories of motor vehicles in respect of which there has been marked decrease in production and the reasons for fall in production;

(c) the details of the production of motor vehicles during the last six months; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the decreasing trend in production of motor vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The production of all the categories of vehicles except-