

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Hamirgarh airstrip in Bhilwara district has an asphalt concrete runway with dimensions of 4180'x100' and a small terminal building suitable for Dornier-228 aircraft. The airstrip has been constructed by the Government of Rajasthan.

(b) and (c). Vayudoot has no immediate plans to link Bhilwara and Chittorgarh.

[*Translation*]

#### Setting up of Refinery in Punjab

8744. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether Union Government propose to set up an oil-refinery in Punjab:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). The location of an oil refinery is decided on the basis of various techno-economic consideration which inter-alia include availability of crude oil, demand/supply balance of products in the area to be served etc. Keeping in view the above, there is no proposal at present to set up an oil refinery in Punjab.

#### Extension of Hariharnath Express

8745. SHRIRAMENDRAKUMARRAVI YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Madhepura district in Bihar do not have adequate facilities:

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend the Hariharnath Express train from Barabanki to Sonpur via Madhepura, Saharsa; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The services available at stations in Madhepura district are considered adequate to cater the present level of traffic.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

#### LPG Agency in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan

8746. SHRI NANDLAL MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities in Rajasthan where cooking gas is being supplied at present;

(b) whether applications were invited in December, 1989 for allotting gas agencies in Pratapgarh Tehsil of Chittorgarh district in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The required information is given in the statement below.

(b) and (c). An advertisement for an LPG distributorship at Pratapgarh was released in October, 1989. The applications received in response to this advertisement have been forwarded by the concerned oil company to the Oil Selection Board (North) for interview and selection of a distributor.