

LPG refill cylinders are being supplied each month to the consumers in Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Recently a temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported from a few locations in Madhya Pradesh due to distributors' problems. Steps have been initiated to solve these problems. The situation is being closely monitored to ensure regular supplies to the consumers.

Reservation of Commodities for Village Cottage Industries

6217. SHRI PALAI K. M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a phased programme to reserve commodities exclusively for the village cot-

tage industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what further steps Government propose to protect and encourage small industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). There is already a provision of 836 items reserved for production in the small scale sector. This includes commodities manufactured in the village and cottage industries sector also. There is, however, no proposal at present to reserve commodities exclusively for village & cottage industries.

(c) For the promotion and development of small, village and cottage industries, the following facilities have been provided;

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- (1) Provision of funds at low rate of interest.
 - (2) Subsidy towards interest.
 - (3) Rebate on sale of Khadi and Polyvastra.
 - (4) Purchase preference to village industries products.
 - (5) Excise and Customs Duty exemption.
 - (6) Preferential treatment in regard to supply of raw material.
 - (7) Assistance for Research and Development products.
 - (8) Assistance in marketing products.
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Railway Line Between Unnao and Bachhravan

6218. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a rail line between Unnao and Bachhravan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on going new line projects.

[English]

Central Assistance to Rajasthan for Meeting Jaidhara Programme

6219 SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Union

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1	2
1987-88	Nil
1988-89	109.755 lakhs
1989-90	Nil

(b) and (c). In respect of Rajasthan, the Jaidhara scheme is intended for 30 DPAP blocks of Ajmer, Banswara, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Tonk and Udaipur districts. Upto end march, 1990, 150 sets have been installed under this scheme—88 in Dungarpur, 9 in Tonk and 53 in Udaipur.

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval and Veraval-Kodinur Sections

6220. SHRI G.K. SHEKHADA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

Government to Rajasthan during the last three years for implementing Jaidhara Programme;

(b) the specific regions in Rajasthan where such programme has been implemented during the last three years; and

(c) the details of work done under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The Central assistance provided by the Union government to Rajasthan through the Rural Electrification Corporation under the Jaidhara programme during the last 3 years is as under:-

(a) whether there is a proposal for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval and Veraval-Kodinur sections into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the preset status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). A survey was carried out for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG section to BG. The proposal had been sent to the Planning Commission. The Commission has since advised that this would be considered for taking up during the VIII Plan. There is, however, no