

(b) whether the reservation quota for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as prescribed by Government has been filled up and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill up this reservation quota?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) The total number of employees in Air India as on 1 1 1990 was 16,284. Out of these, the number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes was 3,368 and the number belonging to Scheduled Tribes was 894. Category-wise details are given below -

<i>Category</i>	<i>Total No of Employees</i>	<i>Scheduled Caste</i>	<i>Scheduled Tribe</i>
Category A	4004	462	126
Category B	7740	1404	468
Category - C	1018	199	85
Category - D	3522	1303	215

(b) In spite of making concerted efforts, Air India has not been able to recruit adequate numbers of SC/St candidates to clear the backlog of reserved vacancies in various posts particularly, in the highly skilled, licenced categories such as co pilot trainee pilot, stenographers catering assistants junior artists etc. The main reasons for these backlog are -

- (i) difficulties in getting sufficient response from qualified SC/ST candidates
- (ii) selected SC/ST candidates do not respond to the offer of employment
- (iii) Possibly, many candidates are reluctant to come to metropolitan cities due to accommodation problems

(c) vigorous efforts were made by Air India during 1989 to clear the backlog of reserved vacancies in various categories. The representation of Sc/St which was 15.8% as on 1 1 75 has now come up to 26.17% as a result of these efforts

[English]

Power Generation in Various Zones of DESU

6231 SHRI J P AGARWAL Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the quantum of power being generated and supplied by DESU zone-wise,

(b) the details of the earnings and profit or loss during 1989-90, and

(c) the reasons for the losses and the

measure proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The accounts of power generation and supply are kept by DESU centrally and not zone-wide. During the year 1989-90, the three power stations of DESU, viz. the I. P. Station (284 MW), Rajghat (150 MW) and Gas Turbines (180 MW) recorded a net generation of about 1793 million units of power. Besides this, about 5711 MUs were purchased by DESU from the Badarpur Thermal Power Station and other generating stations in the Northern Grid. The energy supplied by DESU accounted to about 6078 MUs.

(b) and (c). DESU has been incurring revenue loss due to all round increase in the cost of inputs without any corresponding increase in its tariff since April, 1985. The total expenditure during 1989-90 is estimated at Rs. 759.58 crores against the revenue of about Rs. 521.79 crores, resulting in a loss of about Rs. 237.79 crores. Notwithstanding the various measures taken by DESU to improve its financial position, it cannot achieve financial viability unless its tariff structure is rationalised to neutralise the all round increase in the cost of inputs.

[Translation]

Ticketless Travelling in Ajmer Division

6232. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless travellers apprehended in Ajmer Division during the last one year and the amount recovered from them;

(b) the measures being taken by Government to check the tendency of ticketless

travelling;

(c) Whether Government propose to give any incentive to railway staff also in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) During 1989-90 on Ajmer Division 65, 189 persons travelling without ticket or with improper ticket were apprehended and a sum of Rs. 17,62,751/- railway dues was recovered from them.

(b) In order to curb ticketless travel, surprise checks including magisterial checks are conducted in association with Government Railway Police/Railway Protection Force.

(c) Staff are rewarded in deserving cases.

(d) 17 cash awards, 2 Efficiency Medals and 2 merit certificates were given at headquarters level on whole Western Railway and one cash award and 16 merit certificates were given by Ajmer division in 1989.

[English]

Provision of New Coaches in Trains Running in Kerala

6233. PROF. P. J. KURIEN:
SHRI P. C. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the trains running in Kerala have old and dilapidated coaches; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide new coaches in Kerala?