

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?

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

(b) Does not arise

Industrial Growth

6234. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD:
SHRI KALP NATH RAI:
SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV:
SHRI R. PRABHU:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR
MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in industrial growth during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to quicken the pace of industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the Index of Industrial Production, compiled by Central Statistical Organisation., the rates of growth were 7.3 per cent in 1987-88, 8.7 per cent in 1988-89 and 5.7 per cent during April-December., 1989.

The decrease in the rate of growth to 5.7 per cent during April-December, 1989 was due to several factors. In some sectors, this was due to a shortage of raw materials, particularly imported raw materials, because of foreign exchange constraints. International price rises also contributed to significant increases in the domestic prices of some raw materials. In some other sectors, the fall in growth rates may be attributed to the plateauing of demand after extremely high growth rates in previous years. Changes in duty structure also contributed to such demand constraints. The imposition of some specific import restrictions due to balance of

payments considerations contributed to a slow down in the growth in some sectors. Other sectors were also affected by infrastructural constraints such as power shortage in some areas.

Government have been taking various steps to give a further boost to industrial growth through a more liberal licensing policy, promotion efforts, incentives and subsidies, provision of concessional finance and infrastructural development. Various measures taken to boost industrial growth in the industrial sector include delicensing of industries, broad banding, reendorsement of capacity with reference to minimum economic scales of operation, review of industries reserved for small-scale sector, etc.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Sitapur-Budval Railway Line

6235. SHRI RAM LAL RAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of conversion of Sitapur-Budval metre gauge line into broad gauge is likely to be taken up;

(b) whether necessary allocation has since been made:

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the target time fixed for completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). conversion of Sitapur-Burhwal MG to BG has not been approved.

(d) and (e). Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for gauge