

(a) the number of new trains started in between January to December, 1990 and the routes thereof;

(b) whether Government have revised the income and expenditure incurred on the operation of these new trains during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of new trains likely to be introduced in the remaining months of the 1990-91 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) During the period January to December, 1990, 52 trains were started. A statement giving the routes on which these trains were introduced is given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) New trains are by and large, introduced at the time of drawing up of new time tables taking into account passenger needs, availability of physical resources and operational feasibility.

STATEMENT

Routes on which new trains were introduced between January to December, 1990

1. Jammu Tawi-Mangalore/
Tiruchchirapalli.
2. Surat-Varansi.
3. Haria-Varanasi.
4. Jammu Tawi-Guwahati.

5. Dadar-Muzaffarpur.
6. Howrah-Gorakhpur.
7. Gonda-Gorakhpur.
8. Katihar Siliguri.
9. Dhanbad-Chopan.
10. Jasidih-Baidyanathdham.
11. Rampurhat-Sahibganj.
12. Silchar-Jiribum.
13. Chitradurg-Challekere.
14. Guntur-Macherla. (Two pairs)
15. Guntur-Sattanappale. (Two pairs)
16. Macherla-Nadikudi.
17. Hazrat Nizamuddin-Miraj-Vasco-de-Gama. (1 pair BG & 1 pair MG)
18. Bilaspur-Gevra Road.
19. New Delhi-Patna.
20. Kanpur-Varansi.
21. Gandhidham-New Bhuj-Naliya.
22. Gorakhpur-Allahabad.
23. Howrah-Bokaro Steel City.

Setting up of Diesel Outlets at every seven Kilometers

1996. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are con-

templating to set up diesel outlets at every seven kilometers;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such outlets are proposed to be set up and when; and

(c) if not, the manner in which diesel is proposed to be made available to the farmers easily?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (c). Retail Outlets (Petrol/diesel) are set up in line with the volume distance norms stipulated for the purpose, on the basis of surveys conducted by the Oil Companies. The Oil Industry is setting up low cost Retail outlets in rural/remote areas to make High Speed Diesel available to the farmers easily.

Solar Energy Production Centre

1997. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to Solar Energy Production Centre of 30 kilowatt capacity in the Chakai division of Munger district in Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which the Solar Energy is likely to be produced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIBABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) to (c). A proposal was received for setting up a 2x30 MW solar thermal power station at Chakai at a cost of over Rs. 207 crores. The proposal can be considered for implementation after the meteorological data required has been collected, the technology has been proved in Indian conditions, and all necessary in-puts have been tied up.

Late Running of Trains

1998. PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding late departure and late arrival of trains during this year;

(b) whether the Government have issued any fresh directives for monitoring the running of trains on time and whether any inquiry and inspection is being carried out to see that these directives are being followed; and

(c) whether fresh arrangements are being made likewise to avoid the accidents and to conduct an inquiry thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) The punctuality performance during 1st and 2nd half of 1990 was as under:

	<i>1st half of 1990</i>	<i>2nd half of 1990</i>
Mail/Express	85.6%	84.6%
Passenger	92.5%	93.1%
Suburban	95.3%	95.2%