been completed by the Central Electricity Authority.

- (d) The expected annual energy output from the proposed tidal power project in the Gulf of Kachchh is 1690 Million Kwh.
- (e) and (f). The cost of generation of energy from the proposed tidal power plant in the Gulf of Kachchh has been estimated to be 96 paise/Kwh, at December, 1987 price level. The average cost of generation from conventional hydro and thermal power projects, based on the projects recently appraised by CEA is as under:-

Hydro: 50 paise to 85 paise/ Kwh

Thermal: 75 paise to Rs. 1.25/ Kwh

ONGC Projects Cleared

[English]

2052. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMI-CALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the News-item captioned "ONGC project cleared" appearing in the Financial Express (New Delhi edition) dated 7 December, 1990; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHÉMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a fact that ONGC's projects for the development of L-II and L-III reservoirs in Bombay High field have been cleared by the Public Investment Board and recommended for approval to Government. It is also true that the projects would help to stop the flaring of associated gas in Bombay High and components of the projects have been appraised for financing by the World Bank.

Overbridges in Kerala

2053. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new railway overbridges proposed to be constructed in Kerala during 1990-91;
 - (b) the total cost of the over bridges; and
- (c) the Railways' share of the cost of construction of the overbridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Four numbers at Punkunnam, Wadakancheri (Mullurcarai), Tirupunithura and Badagara.

- (b) Rs. 600. 14 lakhs.
- (c) Rs. 253. 15 Lakhs.

[Translation]

Waiting List of LPG connections and LPG agencies in Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh

2054. SHRI KANKAR MUNJARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMI-CALS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG consumers in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh alongwith the number of persons on the waiting list;
- (b) the steps taken to clear the waiting list;
- (c) whether any proposal to set up additional gas agencies in Balaghat district is under consideration of the Government: