

- (vi) Strengthening the level of Supervision.
- (vii) Revision of Menu.
- (viii) Provision of modern kitchen appliances and other equipments.
- (ix) Service of tea in thermos flasks with tea bags, milk and sugar separately in selected trains.
- (x) Random sampling of food items and their chemical analysis to ensure quality and to check adulteration.

Besides, surprise checks are conducted by the special squad of Railway Board and the Vigilance Department of Railways and stringent action taken against delinquent staff contractors on proven cases of irregularities.

[English]

Performance of Air India

*134. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

SHRI PRAKASH KOKO
BRAHMBHATT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Air India recently;

(b) if so, the details of the performance during the current year, vis-a-vis the last two years;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to improve the image and profitability of the Air India in view of the Gulf crisis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (d) According to

provisional estimates the net profit of Air India during the current year (April-December '90) is Rs. 47.48 crores, as compared to Rs. 38.40 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. 14.06 crores in 1988-89 for the corresponding period. The Gulf crisis has adversely affected all international carriers including Air India. Air India has taken steps to rationalize its route structure and effect economy in expenditure.

[Translation]

Conversion of Ghazipur-Jaunpur Railway Line

*135 SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 54 on August 7, 1990 and state the details of progress made regarding conversion of Ghazipur-Jaunpur metre-gauge (via Aurihar) section into broad-gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): Out of Ghazipur-Jaunpur MG line, conversion of only Aurihar-Ghazipur-Chhapra (171 km) has so far been sanctioned. Work is in progress on priority and adequate funds have been made available.

[English]

Completion of Tehri Dam Project

*136. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated cost of the Tehri Dam project and the time by which the project is expected to be completed;

(b) the power expected to be produced thereby; and

(c) whether the power would be available in phases for distribution while the project work is in progress?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY
(SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI):

(a) The Tehri Dam Project (2400 MW) is estimated to cost Rs. 3465 Crores (at March, 1990 price level) and is expected to be commissioned by March, 1997.

(b) The quantum of energy expected to be produced in a year, is 4238 million units.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Railway Projects

*137. SHRI A. K. A. ABDUL SAMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the major railway works undertaken during 1990-91;

(b) the major railway works completed during 1990-91;

(c) the major railway works in progress during 1990-91; and

(d) the major railway works proposed to be undertaken during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS):

(a) to (c) The details of new railway projects and on-going projects are given Railway-wise and Plan Head-wise in the Book 'Works Machinery and Rolling Stock Programmes of Railways' for 1990-91, which forms part of Budget documents supplied to the Hon'ble Members at the time of introduction of Railway Budget 1990-91.

(d) The following new line sections/projects and gauge conversion projects are likely to be completed during 1990-91:—

New Lines

1. Chittaurgarh-Necmuh
2. Singapuram Road-Kevatiguda

3. Kolaras-Shivpuri

4. Gwalior-Panihar

5. Jamira-Bhairabi

6. Talcher-Angul

7. Sambalpur-Maneswar

8. Damanjodi-Lakshmipur

Gauge Conversions

1. Mau-Varanasi

2. Guntur-Macherla

(d) The projects to be taken up are under consideration and those finally approved will be included in the regular Budget for 1991-92 and supplied to the Hon'ble Member at the time of presentation of the same.

Reconsideration of Power Tariff Hike by DESU

*138. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE

SHRI AMRATLAL VAL LABHDASTARWALA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is widespread discontent among the people of Delhi against the proposed power tariff hike by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken to reconsider the proposed hike in the power tariff rates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI):

(a) to (c) Some representations have been received from the public against the decision of DESU to increase the power tariff in Delhi. The revision