

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). At present both Indian Airlines and Vayudoot are facing acute capacity constraints. They are, therefore, not in a position to connect any new stations at present.

**Latur Road-Nizamabad-Ramagundam
BG Line**

9757. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation for the construction of Latur Road-Nizamabad-Ramagundam new broad-gauge line as a part of East West Coast railway line project; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is difficult to consider the suggested line due to severe constraint of resources.

**Kelpong Hydro-Electric Project in A & N
Islands**

9758. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has cleared the Kelpong Hydro-Electric Project in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to undertake the work during the current year; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be cleared and taken up?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The Central Electricity Authority has techno-economically appraised the project report for Kalpong Hydro-Electric Project of 3X7.5 MW in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and has advised the UT Administration to revise the project report. The revised scheme is yet to be received from the UT Administration. However, a tentative allocation of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made for the year 1990-91 by the Planning Commission for carrying out preliminary works.

**Renovation of Railway Stations in
Rajkot Division**

9759. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any renovation, alteration and addition of railway stations on Rajkot division have been done during 1 January, 1987 to 30 April, 1990;

(b) if so, the details of the works undertaken; and

(c) the estimated cost of each project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Following works have been sanctioned during the period 1.1.1987 to 30.4.1990:—

*Cost (in lakhs of Rs.)***Rajkot:**

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| (i) Provision of additional facilities for passengers. | 9.78 |
| (ii) Remodelling the station building to provide additional facilities to passengers. | 9.74 |
| (iii) Providing pucca masonry parcel office in lieu of existing CGI walling shed. | 6.83 |
| (iv) Raising the up island platform and covering. | 20.43 |

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| (v) providing permanent structure in place of existing temporary structure including booking office. | 3.08 |
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All these works are in various stages of progress.

Alternative Sources of Energy

9760. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the efforts made towards the identification of alternative sources of energy for large scale use in the future; and

(b) the expenditure incurred so far, year-wise on various programmes in this field?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The alternative sources of energy which have a potential for large scale use include solar energy both from the thermal and photovoltaic conversion routes, biomass including biogas, wind energy, and mini and micro hydro power sources.

(b) The expenditure incurred during the Seventh Plan period by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources on vari-

ous programmes is as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Expenditure (Rs. in crores)</i>
1985-86	119.84
1986-87	124.83
1987-88	99.50
1988-89	115.48
1989-90	108.42

[*Translation*]

Hathras Station

9761. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned for upgradation and modernisation of Hathras Railway Station in U.P. during the last three years;