

- (iii) monitoring and coordination of coal movement to VTPS in consultation with the Railways and Central Electricity Authority.

Capital Raising by Unconventional Methods

715. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to get out of 'budgetary syndrome' of lower budgetary support from the Government and slashed allocations for expansion and modernisation of projects by adopting unconventional methods of raising capital; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Due to dwindling budgetary support, in the Seventh Five Year Plan, Railways had to resort to market borrowings through the Indian Railway Finance Corporation, in order to maintain an adequate plan size.

Having regard to the budgetary constraints, a new approach called B.O.T. (Build, Operate and Transfer) has been evolved only for construction of Konkan Railway. A public sector company with the name "Konkan Railway Corporation Limited" has been set up for this purpose to raise the necessary finances by market borrowing.

(b) Size of market borrowings in Eighth Plan would depend on the extent of budgetary support, plan outlay and requirements based on the levels of traffic.

Shifting of Car Shed from Arrah

716. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a car shed for repair and maintenance of railway coaches at Arrah (Bihar);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No Sir, there is no proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rolling Stock maintenance sheds are set up based on several factors viz. optimising operational requirements, cost of the facility in one place compared to another, conversion of some existing facilities to minimise additional investments etc. Keeping all these factors in view, no facility has been found justified for setting up at Arrah.

Interviews by Oil Selection Board (South)

717. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Selection Board (South) have taken the interviews of many candidates for LPG distributorship on behalf of the Hindustan Petroleum Limited in the South during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the selection made thereby; and

(c) the unemployed engineers or other professionals have been selected during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (c). During the last year interviews were conducted by the