

been indigenously developed by them as also by three other indigenously developed by them as also by three other organisations, namely, Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, IIT Kanpur and Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Ranchi. The technology basically involves obtaining reactive rice husk ash under controlled condition of incineration and mixing it with suitable proportions of lime and other additives and then grinding it to an appropriate level of fineness to obtain masonry binders.

(c) According to NCB, no such unit is in operation as at present.

(d) The data available with NCB indicate that in case the entire Rice Husk is used for producing such masonry binder, theoretically, it may be possible to produce annually about 5 million tonnes of such lime based RHAM binder. However, in practice this may not be feasible as such units may not be economically viable under the prevailing situation due to high cost of Rice Husk and lime and the easy availability of cement in the country.

Trade Apprentices in Dhanbad Division of Eastern Railway

9960. SHRI A.K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Trade Apprentices appointed in Dhanbad Division, Eastern Railway, in 1990 as far indicating the figures separately for Scheduled Casts, Scheduled Tribes and general candidates;

(b) whether the quota earmarked for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and general candidates has been maintained;

(c) the policy of the Railways regarding recruitment of apprentices from railwaymen's sons;

(d) whether any complaints have been received in this connection; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Presumably the question relates to intake of Apprentices under the Apprentices Act, 1961. The total number of Apprentices enrolled in Dhanbad Division of Eastern Railway during 1990 is 235. Out of which 89 were SCs and 78 STs and 68 General candidates.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railwaymen's sons are reconsidered along with other candidates and their candidature is adjudged on merit. Notifications for recruitment of Apprentices are issued to the nearest Employment Exchanges, SC/ST organisations and applications are also invited from the wards of Railway employees.

(d) and (e). A representation has been received from secretary General, All Indians Railway Employees Confederation, alleging certain irregularities in the selection of Act Apprentices.

[*Translation*]

LPG Agencies in Maharashtra

9961. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the number of LPG agencies allotted in Maharashtra so far, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): The required information is given below in the Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise details of Maharashtra where LPG agencies have been allotted so far.

<i>Name of the District</i>	<i>No. of Distributorships</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1. Amravati	9
2. Ahmednagar	14
3. Aurangabad	13
4. Akola	7
5. Beed	3
6. Bombay	104
7. Buldhana	5
8. Chandrapur	5
9. Dhulia	7
10. Gadchiroli	1
11. Jalgaon	12
12. Kolhapur	12
13. Nasik	27
14. Nanded	4
15. Nagpur	18
16. Osmanabad	2
17. Pune	45
18. Raigad	12
19. Ratnagiri	3
20. Sangli	8

<i>Name of the District</i>	<i>No. of Districts</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
21. Sindhudurg	2
22. Satara	11
23. Sholapur	10
24. Thane	51
25. Yavatmal	3
26. Wardha	4
27. Bhandara	2
28. Parbhani	1
Total	395

[English]

Power Requirement by 2000 A.D.

9962. SHRI KUSUM KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the peak demand indicated by the study conducted by the Central Electricity Authority by 2000 A.D.;

(b) whether Government have worked out a strategy to meet the energy shortage as projected by the CEA study; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) According to the 13th Electric Power Survey the peak demand in the country by 1999-2000 A.D. may

be around 112000 MW.

(b) and (c). It is tentatively envisaged to add an incremental generating capacity of about 38,000 MW in the Eighth Plan and about 62,000 MW in the Ninth Plan. Optimum utilisation of installed capacity, renovation & modernisation of existing power stations, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, efficient load management and energy conservation are some of the other measures which would further improve power generation.

Sale of Gas Stoves By LPG Agencies in Delhi

9963. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints that LPG agencies in