

[Translation]

Setting up of Gas Based Power Plants in Madhya Pradesh

*51. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to set up gas based power-plants in Madhya Pradesh has been approved ;

(b) if so, the places where such plants are likely to be set up ; and

(c) the production capacity thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The proposal to establish a gas based thermal plant by Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board at Bhandar Tehsil of Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh with capacity of 817 MW has been received. The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has been requested to obtain fuel linkage and other statutory clearances.

[English]

Loss to Railways due to Agitations

*52. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANT RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to agitations and violence in the various parts of the country during the last one year ; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for the security of railway property ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Nearly Rs. 125 crores in 1990-91.

(b) The maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Flaring of Natural Gas

*53. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of the natural gas being flared each year and since when it is happening ;

(b) the steps taken so far to stop this wastage ;

(c) the outcome thereof ;

(d) the action plan, if any, for the future ;

(e) whether the Government have approached the World Bank in this regard ;

(f) if so, the details of the proposal made ; and

(g) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (g) Natural Gas is being flared since 1957-58. During 1990-91 approximately 5161 Million Cubic Meters of gas of an estimated value of Rs. 720 crores was flared.

Steps are being taken to reduce flaring which include implementation of various projects some of which have been posed for World Bank assistance. The World Bank has sanctioned loan assistance of US \$ 450 Million.

[Translation]

Survey for Railway Line from Una to Jogendra Nagar

*54. **PROF. PREM DHUMAL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Himachal Pradesh Government to conduct a survey for broad gauge railway line via Una, Shahtalai, Bilaspur, Barmana, Sundar Nagar and Mandi up to Jogendra Nagar; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of constraint of resources it would be difficult to take up this work.

[English]

Grounding of Airbus A-320

*55. **PROF. K. V. THOMAS :** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Airbus A-320 aircraft grounded after the Bangalore crash ;

(b) whether this grounding of Airbus A-320 is justifiable; and

(c) the details of safety measures taken before re-introduction of these aircraft.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) 14 Airbus A-320 aircraft remained on ground from 19-2-1990 onwards. 4 Airbus A-320 aircraft, which were received during October, 1990 had also remained so from the date of their arrival.

(b) Following the Bangalore air crash, the operations of A-320 fleet was suspended keeping in view the apprehension in the mind of the travelling public and the need for evaluating the state of preparedness of Indian Airlines for the safe operation of the fleet.

(c) The Technical Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal S. S. Ramdas had made certain recommendations for the safe operation of the A-320 fleet. These recommendations related to :

- (i) Training of Pilots.
- (ii) Training of 'A' and 'C' Engineers.
- (iii) Maintenance Infrastructure.
- (iv) Maintenance/operating procedures and use of Minimum Equipment List (MEL).
- (v) Integrated Management System to Coordinate all the activities related to rectification of the deficiencies noted.

Indian Airlines has taken adequate steps to implement these recommendations before resuming A-320 operations.