

(d) 275 LPG distributorships including 81 in the reserved categories were allotted during 1989-91. Letters of Intent issued since December, 1989 are being reviewed.

(e) LPG distributorships are opened in different cities as per marketing plans and policy in force from time to time.

#### **Allotment of Wagons for Solapur Station**

1914. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of wagons per month at Solapur railway station of Central Railway;

(b) the percentage of wagons made available during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make available sufficient number of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average requirement of wagons per month at Solapur Railway Station during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 has been 363 and 425, respectively.

(b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 the percentage of requirement met was 99 and 100, respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Natural Gas in Krishna-Godavari Basin**

1915. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated availability of natural gas in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(b) the details of the plans for utilizing this gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) It is estimated that 4.29 MMSCMD of gas would be produced by 1994-95. Various allocations have been made to the prospective consumers.

#### **Air Service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam**

1916. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a direct air service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam which was introduced in 1988-89 has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-introduce this service in view of the increased passenger traffic on this route; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Boeing-737 service which was introduced with effect from 1-11-89 between Delhi and Visakhapatnam (via Raipur) was withdrawn from 20-11-89 due to reduction in aircraft capacity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) With the present availability of aircraft capacity, it is not possible for Indian Airlines to re-introduce a direct service between Delhi and Visakhapatnam.

#### **Electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam Line**

1917. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification work on Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam railway line is in progress;