

[English]

**Survey for Oil in Karnataka**

2828. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil companies have surveyed the oil points near Karwar and Manglore coast in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the progress made and the future programme to develop these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) and (b). Based on geophysical surveys, ONGC drilled one well in 1979 and M/s. Shell India two wells in 1989-90, all of which were dry. These offshore blocks are proposed to be include in the Fourth round for exploration.

**Availability of wagons for Kerala**

2829. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate number of goods wagons are not available in Kerala; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken for allotment of additional wagons for booking goods to destinations out of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no shortage of wagons in Kerala area as such. However, to meet the increasing demand of core sector, piecemeal wagons are being formed into block rakes to lift more traffic in foodgrains, fertilizer, cement etc. As a result in the case of piecemeal demands, there is certain time lag between the registration of demand and supply of wagons.

[Translation]

**Overbridge in Pilibhit**

2830. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to construct an overbridge on Pilibhit railway station in Uttar Pradesh in view of high density of traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One foot-overbridge already exists at Pilibhit Railway Station.

[English]

**Management of ITDC Hotels**

2831. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Steps to nurse sick hotels" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the July 19, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the ITDC management needs immediate change and restructuring of the whole managerial system from the top level which have most of the inexperienced people to run the industry;

(c) whether the three named hotels in the news item are located in the premier

areas of the city and are attracting investors;  
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The 3 ITDC hotels namely  
Ranjit, Janpath and Lodhi are located in New  
Delhi. In respect of Janpath and Ranjit, for-  
eign investors have evinced interest for in-  
vestment.

### **New Airstrips in Uttar Pradesh**

2832. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR  
SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-  
TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar  
Pradesh has sent proposals for construction  
of airstrips in various places in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
action taken thereon; and

(c) the norms for the construction of air  
strips?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION  
AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-  
DIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The traffic potential, commercial  
viability of the operations, availability of re-  
sources and their deployment, fleet availa-  
bility and plan of operation of scheduled  
airlines, and other such factors determine  
the possibility of a new airport being taken up  
for construction.

### **Production of coal**

2833. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the  
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal production has  
declined during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the  
reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is deterioration in the  
Coal distribution system; and

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been  
ordered into it and if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA-  
GOUDA): (a) and (b). The coal production in  
the country during 1990-91 was 211.73 mil-  
lion tonnes. It was 10.84 million tonnes higher  
than the coal production in previous year.

(c) No, Sir. The coal despatches to  
various sectors during 1990-91 increased by  
8.46 million tonnes over the previous year.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

### **Prices of Petroleum Products**

2834. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the prices per litre of diesel and  
petrol prevailing in July, 1990 and the prices  
as on July, 1991; and

(b) the total additional amount spent on  
diesel and petrol during the last one year due  
to this increase in the prices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-  
ANAND): (a) and (b). The prices of diesel