

[English]

**Assistance from OECF or ADB for Rural Electrification**

1077. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has sought assistance Overseas Economic Fund (OECF) of Japan;

(b) whether REC also had sought assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB);

(c) if so, whether any assistance has been obtained from OECF or ADB for the Rural Electrification Corporation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the assistance expected to be obtained from OECF or ADB for REC in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (e). No financial assistance has so far been received by Rural Electrification Corporation either from Asian Development Bank or Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan. Credit arrangements for REC's proposals to seek financial assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund are yet to be negotiated.

**'Visit India' Year 1991**

1078. SHRIVAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare 1991 as 'Visit India' year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plans/programmes being drawn up to attract more tourists to India during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRISHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Plans/programmes are being drawn up.

[Translation]

**Waiting List for LPG Connections in U.P.**

1079. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for LPG connections on the waiting list in Uttar Pradesh, especially in Kanpur as on 30th June, 1989;

(b) the number of persons who have been given LPG connections out of the total applications; and

(c) the time by which the remaining persons are likely to get the connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) As on the 30th June, 1989, there were approximately 5.68 lakh and 0.71 lakh persons on the waiting list for release of new LPG connections in Uttar Pradesh and Kanpur respectively.

(b) As on the 30th June, 1989 there were approximately 16.03 lakh LPG consumers in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Release of new LPG connections is