

(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(a) whether a direct air service from Delhi to Visakhapatnam which was introduced in 1988-89 has been withdrawn;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The Boeing-737 service which was introduced with effect from 1-11-89 between Delhi and Visakhapatnam (via Raipur) was withdrawn from 20-11-89 due to reduction in aircraft capacity.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;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view general financial constraints and lower traffic density obtaining in Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section, there is no immediate proposal for electrification.

Bridge at Rajahmundry

1918. **SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on third railway bridge at Rajahmundry is in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be completed/commissioned?

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

(b) Construction of the substructure of the bridge has been completed. The work on the superstructure is likely to be completed by June, 1994.

Rail Users' Committees

1919. **DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mode of composition of Rail Users' Committees and other similar Committees and how often it is constituted; and

(b) the names of stations on Kharagpur-Khurda Section of Southern-Eas-

tern Railway where the Rail Users' Committees were set up and, when are these proposed to be re-constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Railway Users' Consultative Committees/Council are constituted for a two-year term. While the National Railway Users' Consultative Council is constituted at the Ministry's level. Zonal and Divisional Railways Users' Consultative Committees are constituted by the Zonal Railways with the approval of Ministry of Railways. Suburban and Station Railway Users' Consultative Committees are constituted by the Zonal Railways themselves. These Committees/Council consist of MPs, MLAs, representatives of Local Chambers of Commerce, Registered Passengers Associations, Trade Associations, State Governments, Agriculture Associations, etc.

(b) The Station Consultative Committees have been constituted at Kharagpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road and Jaipur-Kaonjhar Road stations situated on Kharagpur-Khurda Road section of South Eastern Railway for a two-year term ending 31-12-1991. Reconstitution of these Committees would be due from 1-1-1992.

[*Translation*]

Purchase of Hydel power from Nepal

1920. **SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have agreed to purchase all the additional hydel power generated by Nepal;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement concluded in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which power problem is likely to be solved in the country as a result thereof?